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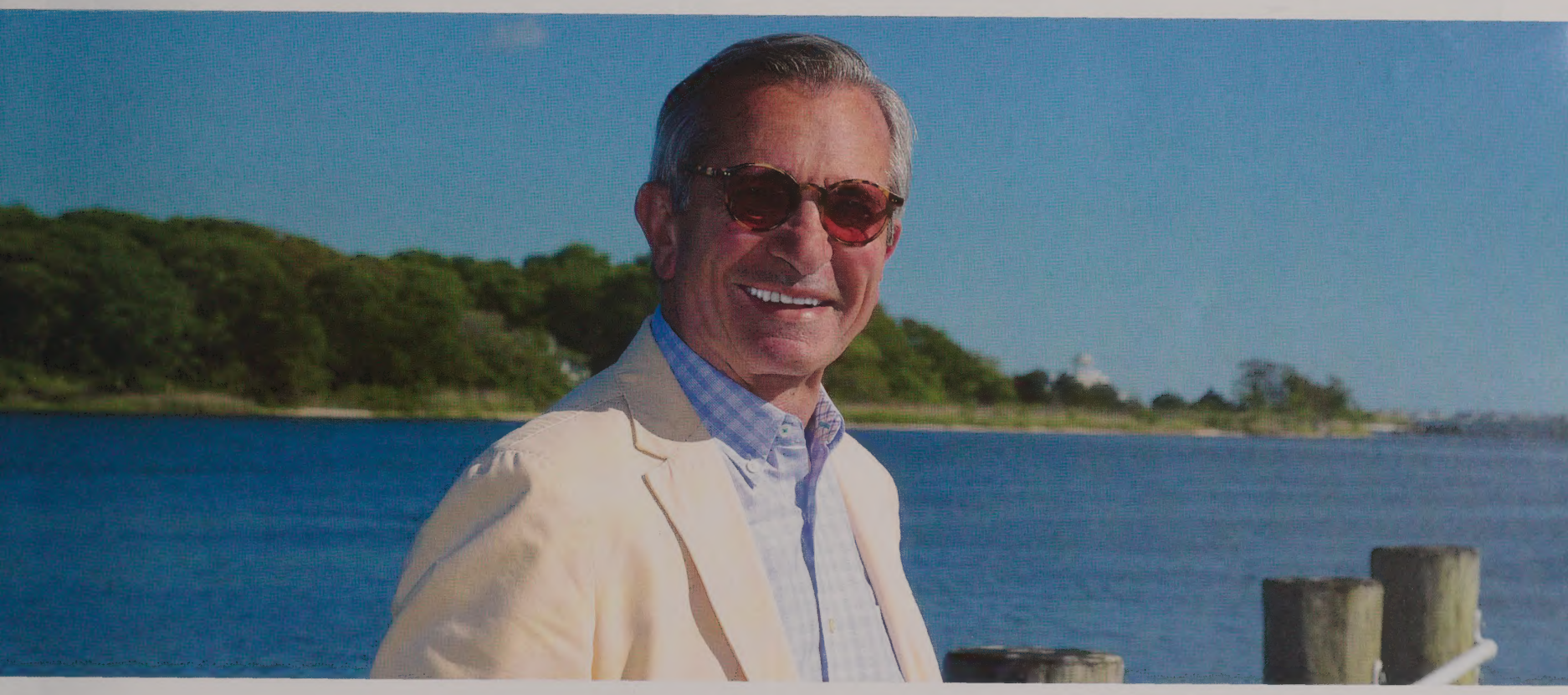

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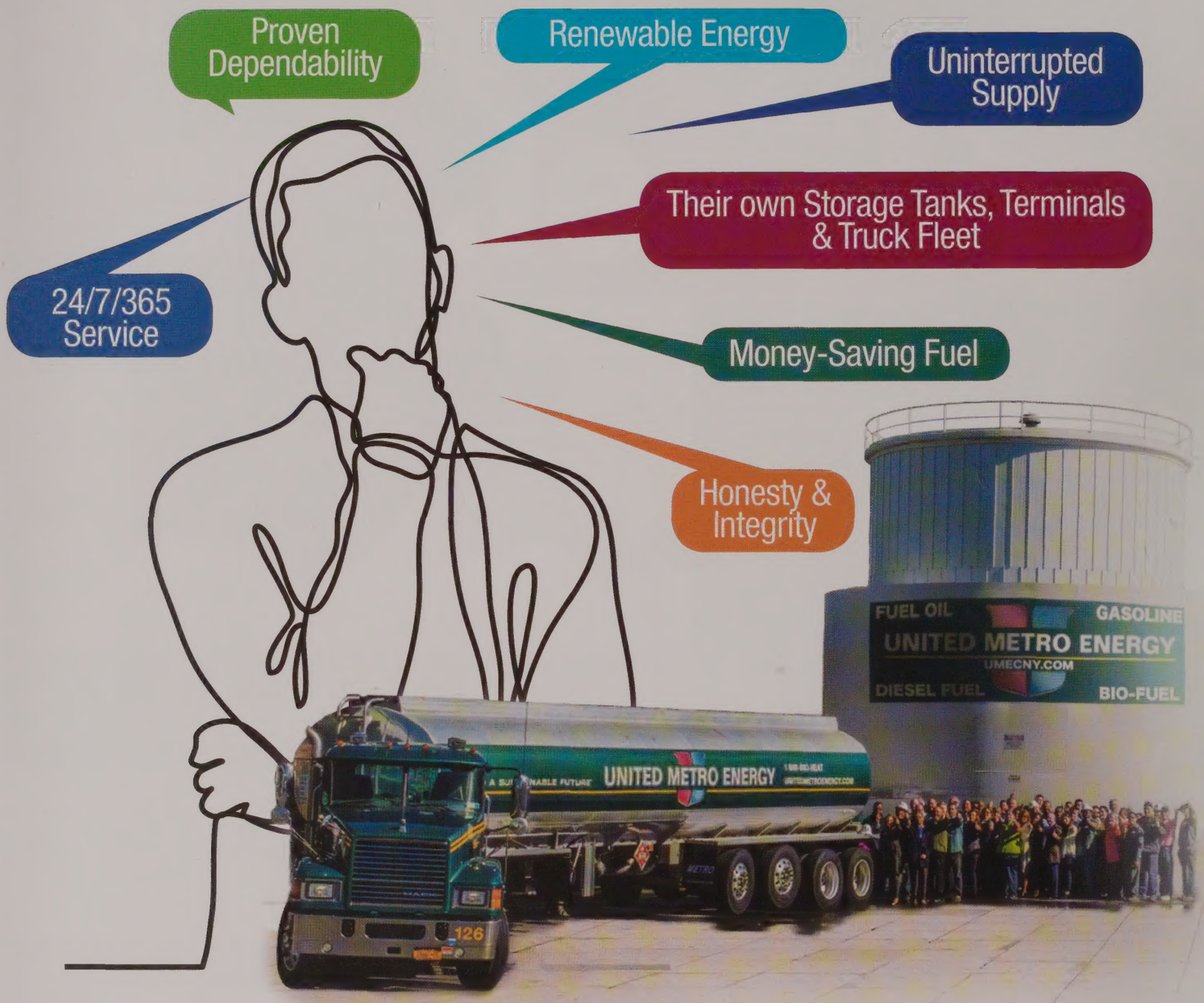

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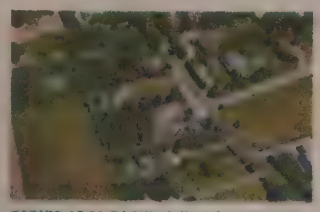

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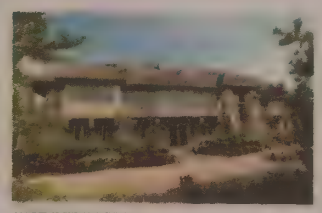

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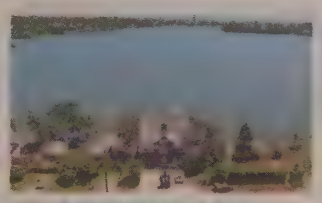

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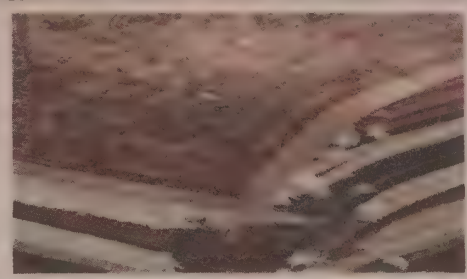

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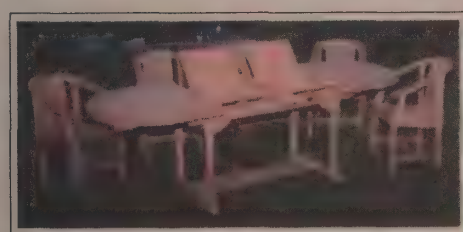

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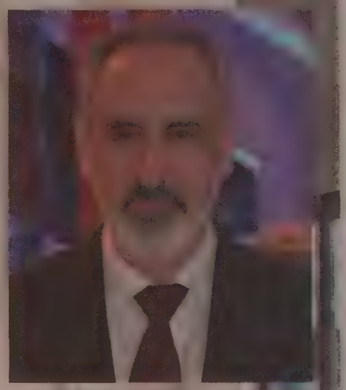

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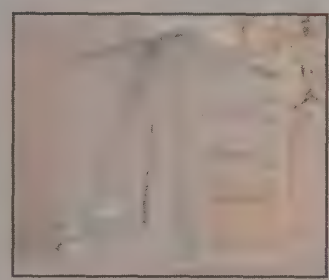
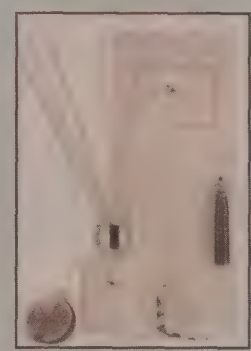
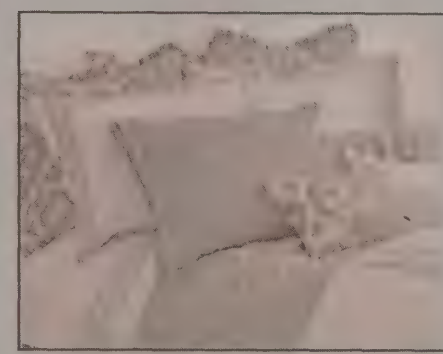

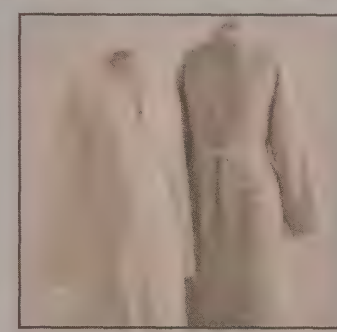
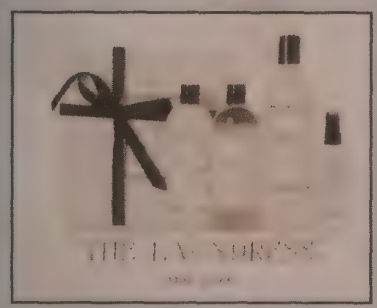

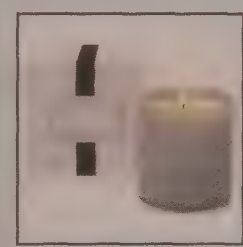
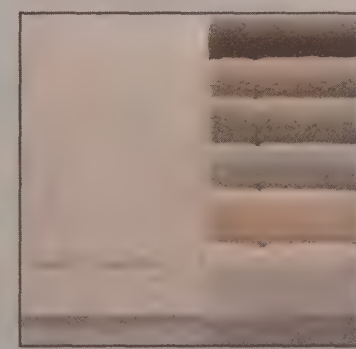

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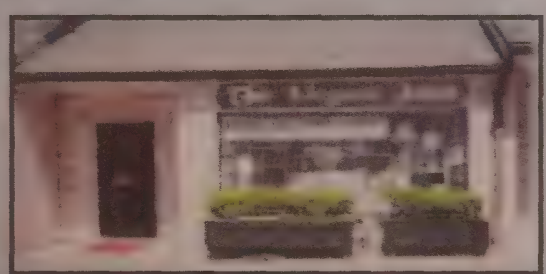

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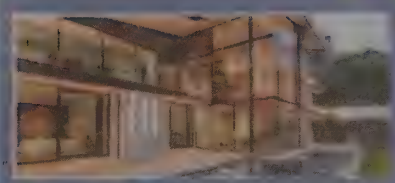
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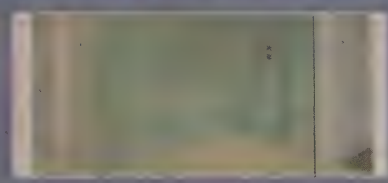
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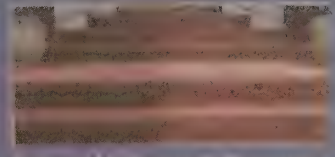
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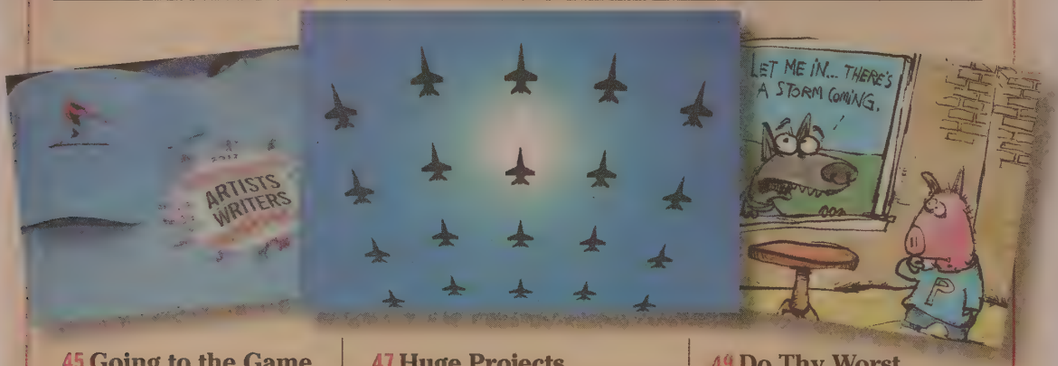

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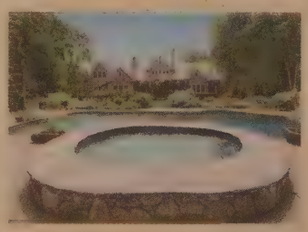

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Carl Bernstein

Creative types galore came out for the 69th Annual East Hampton Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game at Herrick Park last Saturday. Writers team members included **Brian Koppelman** of *Billions*, **Bill Collage** of *Assassin's Creed*, and CNN's **Carl Bernstein**. Batting for the Artists were **Lori Singer**, **Chris Wragge**, **Lonnie Quinn** and many others. The game was once again umped by Dan's Papers Founder **Dan Rattiner**. Dan's Papers Summer Editor **Jordan Green** made his debut on the Writers team with three hits. Writers bested the Artists 9–6. Go Jordan! The event benefited East End Hospice, Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center, Phoenix House Academy of Long Island and The Retreat. See photos on page 43 and stories on pages 45 and 50.

Laura Bush visited the South Fork last weekend. While in the area, the former First Lady spent time at the Bathing Corporation of Southampton and stopped by the 2017 Hampton Designer Showhouse, which benefits Southampton Hospital in Southampton. With the official unveiling of a new sign on Monday, Southampton Hospital became "Stony Brook Southampton Hospital," celebrating the merger between Stony Brook University Hospital and Southampton Hospital. Dignitaries and attendees of the sign's unveiling included: Lieutenant Governor **Kathy Hochul**; **Samuel L. Stanley Jr.**, MD, President, Stony Brook University; **Robert S. Chaloner**, Chief Administrative Officer, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital; **Kenneth P. LaValle** (R-Port Jefferson), New York State Senator; **Fred W. Thiele Jr.** (I-Southampton), New York State Assemblyman; and Ambassador **Carl Spielvogel**, SUNY Board of Trustees.

So **Jose Feliciano**'s advance man walks into a record store. Not just any record store, but the East End's only record store, Inner Sleeve Records in Amagansett, last Saturday night. Montauk's Nancy Atlas Project was playing there with **G.E. Smith** and Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer **Chad Smith**. It happens. Feliciano joined the scene, not being informed who he was playing with. "Cheo" commented that the guitarist really knows how to play, and when told that the drummer was Chad Smith, he shared that "my children love that Peppers band!"

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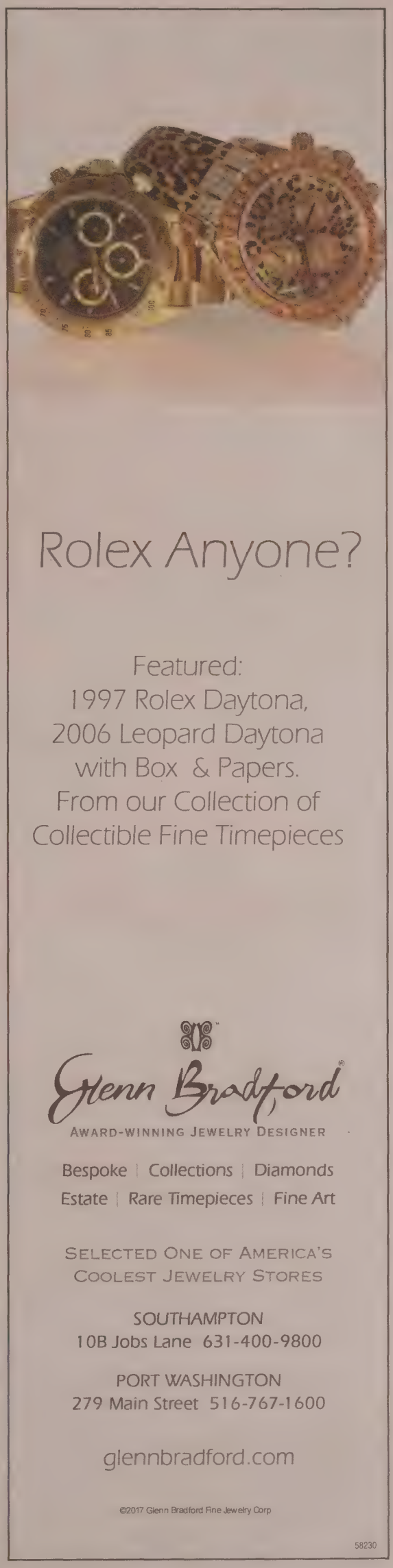

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The Hamptons Subway Newsletter

BY DAN RATTINER

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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Jimmy Buffet took the subway spur from Jobs Lane in Southampton to Cooper's Beach on Sunday morning. When beachgoers there saw him get out at the station at the back of the beach, they broke into a round of applause. Authors Gail Sheehy and Dava Sobel sat with Academy Award–winning actress Melissa Leo talking about the Dan's Papers Literary Prize on Thursday morning heading from Noyac to Sag Harbor. All are participants at the awards ceremony August 31. Leonardo DiCaprio was seen on the Hamptons Subway going from East Hampton to Sag Harbor on Monday afternoon.

ECLIPSE

There was a big surge in subway use last Monday beginning at 2 p.m. as residents fled down the escalators to the platforms at all the stops to get away from the solar eclipse. Hamptons Subway promoted coming down to the subway platforms on that day, advising people that although they would go blind if they looked directly at the sun, they would be unable to stop themselves from doing so since the next eclipse is not until 2024. The campaign "ECLIPSE ANTIDOTE: CAN'T HELP YOURSELF?" worked miracles and as many as 1,000 people went down to the platforms. Though most did not intend to go anywhere but back up when the eclipse was over, Subway employees on the platforms forced people to use the turnstiles instead of huddling by the token booths, in an effort that resulted in a big financial windfall for the service.

STATUE AGAIN ON WESTHAMPTON BEACH PLATFORM

Two weeks ago Thursday, subway employees removed a full-size statue of Vladimir Putin they found in the center of the Westhampton Beach platform. It was believed that Donald Trump placed it there as part of his effort to buy the subway system, though nobody has been able to prove it. In any case, the day after the removal, a second statue, this time of North Korea's Leader Kim Jong-Un was found on that platform. It is still there. Nobody knows who put it there, but local officials have asked Subway Commissioner Bill Aspinall not to remove it for fear that if they did remove it, nuclear missiles might destroy an American city. "I've agreed to that for now," the Commissioner said, "but I can't leave it there forever." Oddly, the full-size statue of Kim is even shorter than the full size statue of Vladimir Putin, and unsuspecting commuters trying to make the trains have been tripping over it.

SUBWAY PROMOTION

Hamptons Subway's new marketing director Hal Winston, encouraged by his eclipse success, is now running a new contest for subway patrons. Register yourself with Hamptons Subway to reserve a spot on any platform for your personal use in the event that a hurricane hits the Hamptons this fall, and if your presence there on the day the hurricane comes through results in your having lived rather than died—for example your house is blown away—you will win a free 90-day swipe card to use anywhere on the Hamptons Subway system—any stop at any time to anywhere at all—for free during that period.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

I don't know what is wrong with some of our riders. Many of them, particularly at the stops down at the beach, ride the subway home at the end of the day in thong bikinis or men's speedos that practically show it all. It's caused us to rethink our dress code policies for the subway. We will be making new rules soon.

POLICE BLOTTER

COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

AIRPORT PLAN DRAWS PROTESTS

Amateur pilots and commercial aviators alike descended on a local airport Sunday as news broke of a plan to turn the small public transportation hub into a private flying facility. Police were on hand to keep an eye on the protesters in case tempers flared. At issue for the demonstrators was the plan announced last week for a group of wealthy investors, led by billionaire Whitney Ogden Oates III, to buy the airport (which is currently owned by the municipality) and to make it into an exclusive "gentlemen's flying club." According to plans leaked to the media and published over the weekend, the group of investors has plans to limit membership of the new club to "only those local families who can prove that one or more of their grandfathers owned aircraft and operated them in the Hamptons." According to protesters, this so-called "Grandfather Rule" would severely restrict access to the club and render the airport the "plaything of an elite class of privileged airplane hobbyists," forcing many local aviation services to go out of business. "This is just outrageous," said one commercial pilot who was on hand for the demonstration and who preferred to remain anonymous. "It's just the latest example of the wealthy people coming in and claiming all the marbles for themselves. My grandfathers could barely afford a Dodge Dart, let alone a private plane, and here you have Whitney Oates saying that means I can't use the airport? I think you know where he can stick that!" Oates, who appeared under heavy guard at the protest to defend his group's proposals, was dismissive of such arguments. "My grandfather Whitney owned a fleet of Lockheed Constellations and was able to fly his friends and family to and from this area—they called it 'Oaty Air,' but of course it was just for laughs—and I'd like to be able to do the same for my friends without having to vie for space with other planes. I don't understand what all of this fuss is about." The protests broke up late Sunday without incident.

HAMPTONS POLICE EXPLAIN ECLIPSE CANCELLATION

After Monday's planned total solar eclipse was abruptly cancelled, the Hamptons Police issued a statement explaining the decision. "After much careful thought, we decided that the potential dangers stemming from this event were too serious to allow the event to move forward. We understand that there is a lot of disappointment out there—and, frankly, we were disappointed ourselves—but we know that the public expects us to err on the side of safety. We hope to be able to bring the promised eclipse back at an early date."

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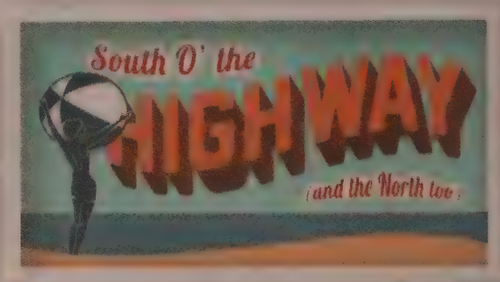

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Reese Witherspoon

Academy Award–winning actress **Reese Witherspoon** screened her upcoming film, *Home Again*, in East Hampton last weekend. Audience members included the movie's director, **Hallie Meyers-Shyer**, and her famous filmmaking mother, **Nancy Meyers**. *Home Again*, which tells the story of a recently single woman who invites three young men to live with her, premieres next month.

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Harvey Weinstein

South Fork resident **Harvey Weinstein** is starting Mizchief, a new animation label. The brand's first release is *Leap!*, which opens this week and stars **Elle Fanning**, **Carly Rae Jepsen** and **Kate McKinnon**. Adaptions of *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* and *The Cricket in Times Square* are also in the works. Said Weinstein in a statement, "All of these films will share incredible stories that most importantly both inspire and entertain our kids."

The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) unveiled their first announcement for the lineup of the festival's 25th Anniversary on Tuesday. For the Sunday Centerpiece in East Hampton, the festival will screen the U.S. premiere of *Breathe*, the directorial debut of **Andy Serkis**, starring Oscar-nominated actor **Andrew Garfield** and Golden Globe–winning and Emmy-nominated actress **Claire Foy**. As part of the festival's signature programs, "A Conversation With..." will feature renowned Emmy-award winning actor and Oscar-nominated director **Rob Reiner**, director of *LBJ*, the upcoming drama starring **Woody Harrelson** as President Lyndon Johnson, which will also screen at the festival. Five additional films were announced for the 25th Anniversary lineup, including **Vincent Gagliostro**'s *After Louie*, starring **Alan Cumming** as an NYC artist with survivor's guilt following the AIDS epidemic, and **Alexandre Moors**' *The Yellow Birds*, about two soldiers finding their way in the midst of the Iraq War, starring **Toni Collette**, *(Continued on page 54)*

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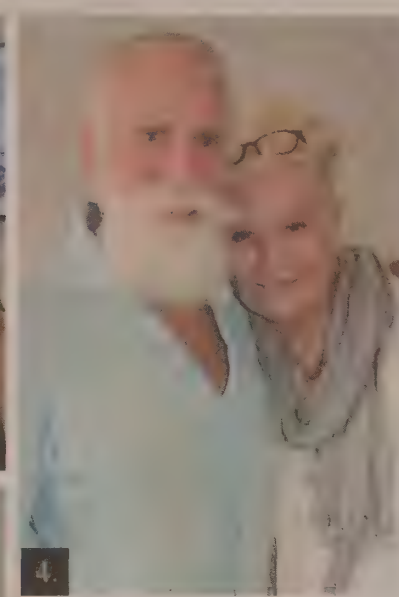
Book Signing with Mark Addison Hosted by Nest Seekers

Lifestyle expert Mark Addison was at Nest Seekers in East Hampton on Sunday, August 20, signing copies of his new book, *Cocktail Chameleon*. Addison served up mocktails of his own creation to happy guests while chatting and personalizing copies of the book. **Photographs by Barbara Lassen**



1. *Cocktail Cameleon* author **Mark Addison**
2. **Caryn Duffy** of Nest Seekers, **John Duffy** and **Joseph Duffy**
3. **Robert Wood** and **Nisha Singh**
4. **Paul Vogel**, **Mohna Hoppe** of Nest Seekers
5. **Susan Nieland**, **Sarah O'Neil**
6. **Alex Piccirillo** of Nest Seekers, **Mahrokh Eshaghian**, **Susan Alvine** of Nest Seekers

Behind the Hedges Party at Southampton Pointe

On August 10, Mary Slattery of Corcoran hosted a *Behind the Hedges* cover party with real estate industry leaders at Southampton Pointe by Fairfield—the new luxury condominium complex on Tuckahoe Lane in Southampton. Wine and light bites were provided by Southampton's Union Cantina, Southampton Social Club and Anna Codorniu. **Photograph by Brittany Barbarite**

The Corcoran Group's **Mark Wightman**, **Cathy Hartman**, **Mary Slattery**, **Jennifer Mahoney**, **Meegan Darby** and **Thomas Davis** with **Patti Frank** (at center) of Guardhill Financial

Dan's Papers Literary Salon August 2017

The latest Dan's Papers Literary Salon was held on Sunday, August 20 at the Southampton Arts Center. Jennifer Roth, Susan Pashman, Caroline Hunt, Dan Rattiner and Debbie Tuma read their pieces as guests sipped wine and celebrated the Dan's Papers Literary Prize for Nonfiction. **Photograph by Brittany Barbarite**

Jennifer Roth, **Susan Pashman**, **Caroline Hunt**, Dan's Papers founder **Dan Rattiner** and **Debbie Tuma**

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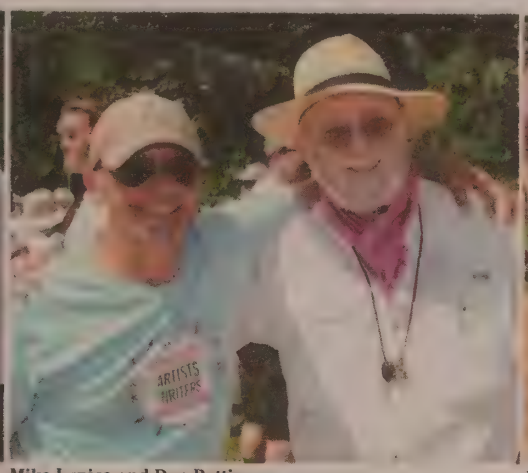
Mike Lupica and Dan Rattiner

Ed Hollander

Carl Bernstein as catcher

NY Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, Juliet Papa

James Lipton

Peter Cook at bat

Lori Singer takes a cut

Barbara Lassen, Tom W. Ratcliffe, III

Going to the "Game"

One Umpire's Long Journey to the Artists & Writers Game

BY DAN RATTINER

A lot of people who play in the annual Artists & Writers softball game in East Hampton every summer have been doing so for 25 years or more. People mark their calendars to make sure they are here on the sandlot baseball field in the park behind the Stop & Shop on the appointed day. This year it was August 19. Presidents have played in the game. So have movie stars, mayors, boxers and baseball stars, billionaires and, of course, artists and writers. Billionaire Mort Zuckerman was at a weeklong birthday party in Morocco for Malcolm Forbes some years ago, but left three days before it ended to get back to pitch that day.

I've been the umpire of the game since 1982. It's not hard for me to get to the park. I live here. But then there was this year.

On August 15, which is my birthday, I was midway through what was supposed to be a two-week visit to see my kids and grandkids in Los Angeles. My two four-year-old grandsons, supervised, made a birthday cake for me. But although my wife would remain in L.A. for the rest of the vacation, I'd cut my visit short. I needed to get home for the game.

The crowd of several hundred people who saw me trot out to the mound just 30 seconds after "The Star Spangled Banner" could not know I had arrived just three minutes before. They also would not know I was unshaven, wobbly, and in the same clothes I had put on two days before.

I went and stood behind prominent New York sportswriter Mike Lupica, who would be pitching that day. Behind the plate was catcher Carl Bernstein, the Pulitzer Prize–winning Watergate reporter.

My journey had begun Thursday with an Uber ride down the heavy, eight-lane superhighway from Santa Monica to Los Angeles International Airport. The flight to J.F.K. was on time, but the change in cabin pressure as we took off and landed bothered me. I did not sleep on the plane. From J.F.K., another Uber took me to our apartment in New York City. The plan was for me to get our dog, Bella, and bring her from the apartment to East Hampton. I was in bed after 1 a.m., slept badly and got up at 5 a.m. anyway—jetlag—and then took the dog, a dog box, my shoulder bag and the suitcase to the Hampton Jitney stop at 85th Street at 11 a.m. I couldn't sleep on that bus. An article needed to be written. From the Omni in Southampton, I took my car to our Southampton office and began to feel weary. Soon I was feeling VERY weary. Best to go home with the dog, get some sleep and be fresh for the game the next day.

So Friday, at 5:30 p.m., 22 hours before the game, I left the office and was driving east down Main Street in East Hampton listening to music on the radio to keep myself from falling asleep. I began singing along to the music, shut my eyes for a moment and then was awakened with a start by the shearing sound of crushing metal as I crashed into a parked car on my right. I was still at the wheel, the car sideways to the road, with the parked *(Continued on next page)*

The Game *(Cont'd. from previous page)*

car I had hit also sideways. We were in front of the East Hampton Presbyterian Church. Shaking, I staggered out of the car into the street, then walked around the wreck to the sidewalk and leaned against an elm. Nobody was around except a man on the sidewalk in a red sweater.

"Are you all right?" he asked. I didn't respond. "Do you want me to call the police?"

"Who are you?" I asked.

"I'm the pastor of the church."

I thought, am I in heaven? Then I told him to go ahead and he took out his cell phone.

I would like to thank the police who attended me at the scene, the three paramedics who took me to the hospital, my friend Dan Simone, who lives in Amagansett and arrived on the scene after I had left in the ambulance with everything left behind in the car. He took my shoulder bag, luggage and my dog—the pastor had watched her—to my house and set it all just inside our front door. I'd also like to thank the people at Southampton Hospital emergency room, the folks in the X-ray room who photographed my chest and injured hand, the people in the CT scan room, where they imaged my head and brain, and the doctors and nurses who said I should stay overnight under observation. I'd also like to thank my son David who came to visit ("send me a selfie" he had written when I had texted him), who arrived later that evening with my computer bag, toothbrush and a milkshake. I'd also like to thank the medical staff who got me a room, kept me overnight and in the morning made it their business to see to it I could be discharged by noon on Saturday, if tests were negative, so I could be in East Hampton for the game at 3 p.m.

I thank GEICO for their cheerful and wonderful service over the phone arranging for all the insurance needs, and I'd especially like to thank my wife who, having learned Friday afternoon about the first accident I'd had in 30 years, scrubbed the rest of her vacation in L.A., hopped on a redeye and flew to J.F.K. and took a hired car out to the house in East Hampton to be ready to receive me there Saturday afternoon.

I'd also like to thank my friend Tom Swiminer, who came to the hospital at 1 p.m. on the day of the game to drive me home. The idea was I'd leave off the stuff David had brought the night before, change from my accident clothes—I'd failed to ask David to bring me fresh clothes the night before—and be off with my wife to the start of the game at 3 p.m.

Tom arrived with a gift. It was an orange towel you could soak in cold water, wrap around your neck and stay cool for two hours.

"It's very hot out there. And the game's at two, not three," he told me.

We'd have to rush, but there was terrible traffic between Southampton and East Hampton. There had been an accident. I'd barely get to the game on time. Better to just drop me off, then continue to the house and drop off the stuff.

"You'll need your hat," he said as we drove through Water Mill.

"My hat's in the car," I said.

Emergency Mechanical in Wainscott is right on the way. We found the Tahoe sitting forlornly next to a bashed pick-up. Nowhere in the car was a hat.

"Tell my wife I love her," I said. "I have a spare hat on my desk. Drop it off on your way back to Southampton."

At ten to two, Tom dropped me in the lot next to the game. From inside the park, I could hear the announcements over the P.A. I walked to the field. The players were out at their positions and 200 spectators were standing quietly, hats over their hearts, singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Having no hat, I placed my injured hand over my heart and sang too. People applauded and now it was time for the umpire to take over.

As I started to trot out, I felt a hat placed on my head and heard Tom's voice from behind say "she says ump two innings, tops. Come home when you can. She's exhausted and going to sleep."

Moments later, I was at my spot behind Mike Lupica on the pitcher's mound. I raised my arms. None of the needle marks from the IVs showed.

"Play ball!" I shouted.

Read a recount of the game on page 50.

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Huge Projects

Luminati, The Riverhead Mountain and the Endangered Owl

BY DAN RATTINER

Probably the best and worst thing that ever happened to the Town of Riverhead was when the Grumman Aircraft Company sold them 2,900 acres in Calverton for $1. This was in 1998. There was a chain-link fence with barbed wire along the top around this property until then. Grumman tested aircraft here. You had to get past an armed entry gate to get in. There were two runways. Their last hit was when they tested the F-14 Tomcat they designed for the Navy (the plane in the Tom Cruise movie *Top Gun*) here. After that the company went downhill. Their aircraft designs were not hits. They went into the canoe business. They went into the bus business. Finally, in 1994, they merged with Northrop Aviation and moved to California.

The merry-go-round on the property used by Grumman employees at picnics in Calverton was a $1 gift to Greenport, where it is today, turning merrily around for the tourists on the waterfront downtown.

The rest of the property, with the huge buildings and the runways, was sold to the Town of Riverhead for $1. But this was another matter. What would Riverhead do with it? Perhaps it could be an industrial park? They called it the Enterprise Park. A small part of the property was sold to a developer for commercial use. The rest remained idle. Donald Trump proposed the place for a movie studio around 2000. That didn't happen either. Nor did a plan to make it into a NHRA racetrack.

Then, in 2008, along came this plan to make it a competitor to Disneyland. This was called Riverhead Resorts. A huge British firm that built theme parks got an option to buy the property. They would build a lake with ferryboats crossing it to five different theme parks. The most impressive of them was to be a 600-foot-tall artificial mountain inside, where one could slalom down an artificial ski slope 12 months a year. There would be an equestrian center, a spa, a botanical garden, a wilderness resort, campgrounds, a sports park, a seaport-style village, a sports complex and a snowboarding center.

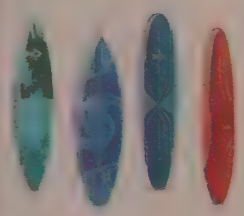
Riverhead Town looked at this wide-eyed. Well, Splish Splash had a successful facility nearby. The contract said they would pay millions. They wouldn't pay it right away. They put down a $2 million nonrefundable deposit to keep the deal alive.

Now, there doesn't seem to have been much of a downside with this project. The town had paid $1 for the property.

However, there was another problem. Endangered short-eared owls were found on the property. These owls, on their way migrating south, stop at Calverton to mate every year. The environmentalists were up in arms. The ski mountain people wavered.

In 2010, Town Supervision Sean Walter said the town did not receive a $3.9 million payment, which was part of the deal, on time (the company eventually paid). The whole project ended before the first shovel of dirt was dug from the ground. This was during the recession.

Would it have been good for Riverhead? Well, with a Town *(Continued on next page)*



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budget of about $54 million every year, an extra few million every year would come in handy. But there are so many other things for a town board to have to discuss and decide upon, was this distraction worth it? In the back of the town council's collective mind was always the thought that the $54 million budget might soon be an over the moon figure like $300 million. How do you process that? But those were chickens that hadn't hatched yet, and then didn't.

Soon there was another proposal. Make it a rock concert site. A plan was put forward to have the Beastie Boys and Radiohead headline the first of them. But that didn't happen. There was also the parachute jump operation. Do you notice that almost everything seems to involve things up in the air pretty high? The parachute jump school actually worked out well. The owls, when they were there, probably looked up in admiration at the chutes coming down. But then, in 2015, the school, which operated from just one building on the site (and used a runway occasionally), shut down because the owner was moving on.

Town Supervisor Sean Walter told me, when we discussed all this, that Enterprise Park seemed to be "the place where bad ideas come to die." And that certainly had been true.

Then came Daniel Preston, a New Yorker with business in the electronics and aviation industries, who announced that he would bring Luminati Aerospace to Riverhead. He paid a reported $3.4 million to buy the Skydive Long Island site. Here's what he had in mind.

There are 4 billion people on the planet who do not have access to the internet. His firm, with dozens of industry visionaries on board who have expertise in aircraft design, defense contracting and adaptive flight control, together with the patents he already owned, would build a major high-tech aviation firm on the property making perpetual stratospheric flight possible. These aircraft, built from indestructible carbon fiber, would hover in the stratosphere and, powered by solar panels and the solar wind, would be able to beam the internet out to all 4 billion of these people.

He would pay a reported $40 million in cash for 1,600 acres of the former Grumman property (600 acres are buildable), and would move in with facilities to construct airplanes made of carbon fiber. He has machinery now at the former Skydive property. There's a $19.4 million 45-ton aircraft-making machine. "For lack of a better explanation, this is a jillion dollar 3D printer of airplanes," he told *Riverhead Local*. As many as 2,000 jobs would be created in the next five years. "We're going to show the world that Long Island's still viable in aerospace manufacturing," he said.

"There's a lot of aerospace structures that need to be bulletproof with carbon fiber," he also told *Riverhead Local*. He said he had the patents. He would sell bulletproof lightweight body armor for military aircraft, for weapons, handguns, ammunition. The assembly line would be running constantly. They already had the first three aircraft in contract, he said.

His background, he said, was as an aeronautical engineer. He'd founded the aircraft company Atair Aerospace, Inc. in 2001. He left and rode out a non-compete after he sold it, the story said, and now he's back.

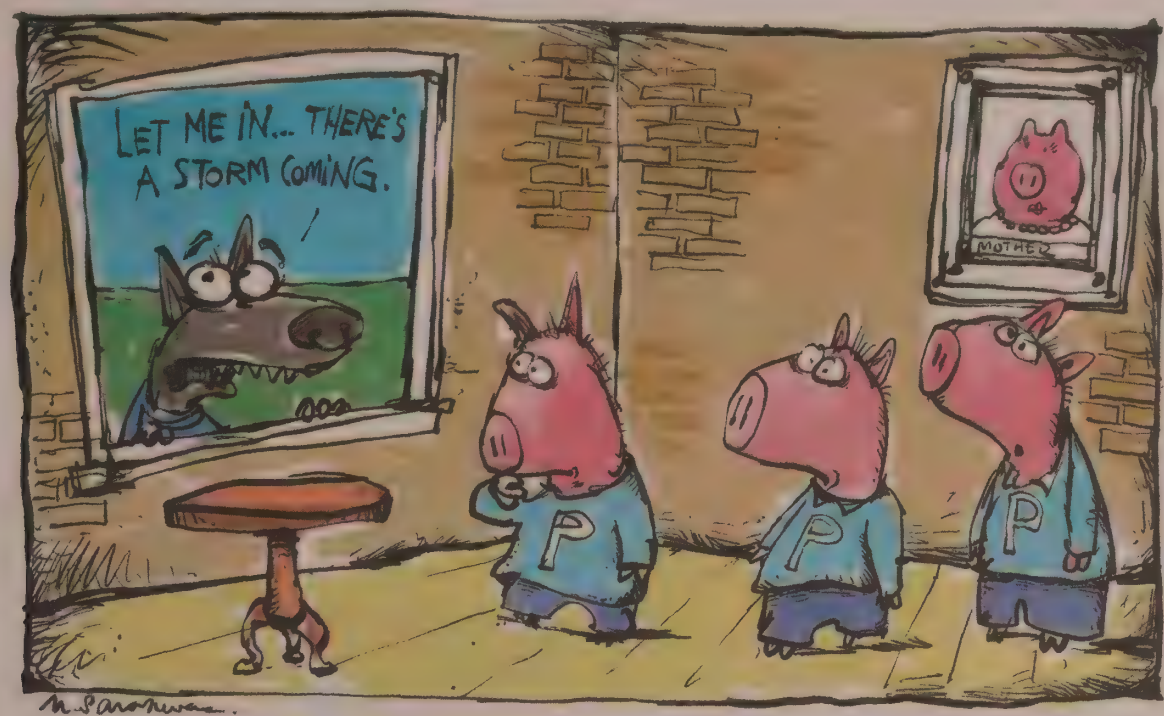
As for skeptics who have wondered about his credentials or those working with him on this start-up—DuPont and Facebook—he told *Riverhead Local* that "I've got four of my aircraft in the Smithsonian. One is hanging opposite the Wright flier. Calling us a start-up is just really uninformed." Well, he does have aircraft in the Smithsonian—but in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt Design Museum in Manhattan. The Wright's flier is in Washington. There are other questions of transparency that people are looking into.

Since that interview, Riverhead is proceeding carefully, step-by-step, hoping this time something is for real. If approved, Luminati would be buying a $40 million deal.

In the last few weeks, billionaire John Catsimatidis announced himself a major backer of Dan Preston. Catsimatidis, who has had a house in the Hamptons for many years, owns Red Apple Group, a real estate and aviation company, the United Refining Corp. in Riverhead, and the Gristedes supermarket chain. He ran for Mayor of New York two years ago. Catsimatidis sent out a press release noting that his "United Refining Energy Corp. has more than sufficient financial resources to provide the financing necessary" to move forward.

And indeed, things are moving forward. If all is well, there will be a public hearing in the fall.

As yet, however, we have not heard from the Short-Eared Owl.



Do Thy Worst

Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Etc., Etc.

BY DAN RATTINER

So the National Weather Service just changed their prediction. No longer will four hurricanes come up the Atlantic this summer. Now the prediction is for seven.

I wrote last fall that the National Weather Service launched a new weather forecasting satellite capable of giving us virtually 100% accurate predictions all across America of the upcoming weather. I've been dreading having this happen. There will be no surprises. It will take all the fun out of life. And on several occasions during the past 10 months I've asked the weather service—yes, they take my calls—if the thing is up and running, because I don't see anything new, and they've told me not yet, it's still up there undergoing tests.

Last time I called was three weeks ago. Now it could be online in November.

Which does lead to the question of whether this upgrade in the hurricane prediction department is from the creepy old weather satellite or the shiny new one now being tested. I called again. They're only a regional office and they're not sure.

You will recall that about four weeks ago we had an alert that a huge rainstorm was approaching and by 3 p.m. all of the East End would get floods. There would be airport closings, roads impassable. Everybody got ready. The thunderclouds formed. Then it cleared up. That was it.

About four months ago, I asked the weather service if they would look into something. I was recalling that years ago, when I was a boy, the average temperature in the summertime in the Hamptons was said to be three degrees cooler than in New York City, then you'd go down the hill to Napeague heading for Montauk and it was now six degrees cooler. I also recalled back then, when I was trying to decide where I would make my home in the Hamptons, I ruled out Sag Harbor because it seemed too hot. Like New York City hot. No ocean breezes there. I settled in East Hampton.

Now, I told him, according to my iPhone, New York City is 5 to 10 degrees warmer than the Hamptons on average. And Montauk is the same as the Hamptons.

"I think it has to do with all the landscaping," I said. "Montauk used to be windswept. Now all the views are gone. There's too much foliage. I think it's because of the pollen coming off all the fancy new landscaping in the Hamptons. Grows trees tall in Montauk."

"I'll look into it," he told me.

Or maybe it's climate change. The temperature creeps up. Montauk crosses a threshold. Back then I'd play golf at the Montauk Downs Country Club—a "downs" like in Scotland, where the windswept hills go to the horizon. Now the fairways cut through the woods.

"Let me get back to you on this," he said.

Just look in all your back records for 50 years and figure it out.

I never heard back, but two months later an article in *Newsday* said boxes and boxes of old printed weather records for Long Island had been found in a warehouse in Nassau County that everyone thought was lost forever. They covered 1950 to 1980.

I wouldn't worry about the hurricane prediction. Every year it seems its wrong. It's going to be really quiet and we get eight hurricanes. It's gonna be a banner year for hurricanes and we get none.

There have been some really great hurricanes. The one in 1938 knocked down all the elm trees on Main Street in East Hampton, wiped Dune Road clean of summer homes and flooded both Montauk Fishing Village and Westhampton Beach. A hurricane in the early 1950s blew a winged roof off a fancy modern summer home in Surfside, Montauk. In 1975 I stayed with about 10 people at a home on Egypt Lane in East Hampton rented by Abraham Ratner, the painter. We huddled together with no power for five days. In late August around 1990, the Hampton Classic Horse Show put up all their tents and then, the day before opening day the hurricane blew everything down. In recent years we've had hurricanes that fizzled before they got here but still laid waste with massive high tides and rain. Sandy comes to mind. Not Hurricane Sandy.

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Writers Beat Artists Under the East Hampton Sun

BY JORDAN GREEN

For the second straight year, the pen proved mightier than the brush as the Writers beat the Artists on one of the hottest days of the summer at the 69th annual Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game this past Saturday at Herrick Park in East Hampton.

This year's game gave fans a chance to join in on the fun like never before. It started with the Future Artists & Writers Kids Clinic Presented by People's United Bank and led by Hampton Baseball Camp, which was followed by the first-ever Hamptons Home Run Challenge, sponsored by Nest Seekers. Teams of two had 60 seconds to hit as many home runs as possible. The crowd roared as batters launched balls over the fence and even into the tennis courts at Herrick Park.

Saturday had all the makings for a great game—a gorgeous day, a great turnout, celebrity cameos (Ralph Lauren stopped by) and, of course, star-studded lineups.

Though friendships extended across the baselines into both dugouts, there was no love lost between the two sides. Sportswriter Mike Lupica gave the Writers team a pep talk before they took the field to start the game, concluding emphatically, "Let's beat their ass!" Lupica started the game pitching to catcher Carl Bernstein, the journalist of Watergate fame.

Graphic designer Walter Bernard started on the mound for the Artists, and it didn't take long for the first argument to ensue. After the first Writer beat out a throw to first base that went over the fence, Writers manager Ken Auletta came on the field, as did Artists manager Leif Hope, and the two argued to umpire Dan Rattiner over whether or not the runner was entitled to take second base, since the ball went out of play. The runner was ultimately awarded second base, and would eventually come around to score, putting the Writers up 1–0. Bernstein struck out to end the inning, throwing his bat in disgust.

Home Run Challenge winners James Arthur and Brian Pfund

Photos Tom W. Ratcliffe, III

Kids got great instruction from Hamptons Baseball Camp

The Artists got sneaky in the second inning when they swapped their shoddy infielders with local softball players. The Writers smoked two ground balls, but the new fielders made both plays with ease.

The Artists got on the board in the third with three consecutive hits. Brian Pfund drove in a run, then Ed Hollander singled, and they both came home on Dennis Duswalt's inside-the-park home run. The Artists put up five runs in that inning, but the Writers bounced back in the bottom of the third with three straight hits from Benito Vila, Tom LaGrassa and Jordan Green to bring the score to 5–4.

In that eventful third inning, Lupica injured himself sprinting through first base while legging out on an infield single. The Writers brought in a pinch runner while Lupica lay sprawled on his back, icing his injured leg. Harry Javer took to the mound to take over pitching duties the following inning.

Eric Ernst, who has likely played in this game more times than almost anyone else, added a hit for the Artists. Unfortunately, the Artists' power hitters, Eddie McCarthy and CBS 2's Chris Wragge, went hitless, though McCarthy did draw a rare walk. *(Continued on page 52)*

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Softball (Continued from page 50)

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Top: The Writers; Bottom: The Artists

Russell Blue wowed the crowd with a diving catch and bullet of a base hit.

The Writers would go on to take a 7–5 lead after Rick Leventhal tied the game with a double and scored the go-ahead run. Meanwhile, Javer effectively shut down the Artists offense after taking the mound in the 4th.

The Artists got within 7–6 in the top of the 8th thanks to Michael Dougherty's aggressive base running, but the Writers defense preserved the lead with terrific plays from Vila in centerfield and LaGrassa at shortstop. Third baseman Brett Shevack got down and dirty, making diving catches on screaming line drives to rob the Artists of multiple hits. Shevack's defense and Javer's pitching earned the pair Co-MVP honors.

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The Writers added two insurance runs in the bottom of the 8th, and, fittingly, Shevack recorded all three outs in the top of the 9th to seal the win for the Writers, who emerged from the grueling heat with a 9–6 victory—identical to last year's result.

After the game, the competitiveness on both sides dissipated, and the teams shook hands and exchanged congratulations all around for yet another successful game full of fun that brought people together for a great cause—supporting local charities The Retreat, East End Hospice, Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center and Phoenix House Academy of Long Island.

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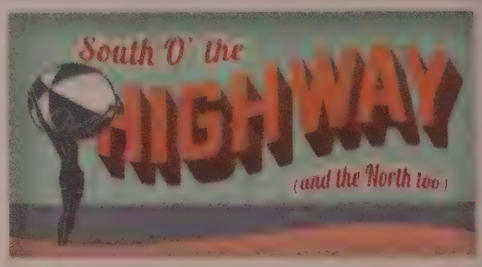

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Jennifer Aniston, **Tye Sheridan** and **Alden Ehrenreich**. Both Alan Cumming and Toni Collette will attend this year's festival. Passes for this year's HIFF go on sale September 5.

The Charles Evans PCF Pro-Am Tour hits the Hamptons this weekend. Participating in the Tennis Tournament Gala are **Bill Ackman**, **Larry Leeds**, **Luke Jensen**, **Howard Lutnick**, **Wayne Ferreira**, **Donald Marron**, **Santiago Gonzalez** and **John Paulson**. Hosted by **Mike** and **Lori Milken**, the festivities include a bash at the Parrish Art Museum, where **Kool & the Gang** will wow the crowd. The event benefits the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Where they dine: *The Chew* star and restaurateur chef **Michael Symon** was the guest of **Florence Fabricant** at her latest "Stirring the Pot" talk at Guild Hall last Sunday. Symon's "bro" Chef **Bobby Flay** was in the audience. Symon shared that some of his go-to East End food sources include Gosman's in Montauk for fish and seafood, Balsam Farms in Amagansett for donut peaches and his own home garden on Dayton Lane. Speaking of donuts, Symon's son **Kyle** provided audience members with donut holes after the talk from his Grindstone Coffee & Donuts in Sag Harbor. Symon said he worked 16-hour days all of last August there for his son, commenting, "he's a tough boss." Legendary editor **Suzanne Rafer** breakfasted with a friend at the Golden Pear last Wednesday morning while painter **David Slater** sat with friends at the window table. A fan reported seeing actor **Joseph Sikora** from Starz Network's *Power* dining with friends at Lulu Kitchen & Bar in Sag Harbor last Wednesday. Mixed martial arts fighter **Ian "The Hurricane" Heinisch** recently dined at Southampton Social Club while model **Kim Feenstra** took in the scene from another table. **Peyton Manning** recently lunched at 75 Main in Southampton, while at another table jewelry designer **Kendra Scott** and her family enjoyed a mid-day meal. Celebrity hair stylist **Marc Zowine** and his husband-to-be **Matthew Carmody** enjoyed a lobster dinner at Duryea's last Thursday after an afternoon of jet skiing off Montauk. **Myron** and **Susan Levine** hosted a big Slow Food East End dinner in their beautiful Sag Harbor home last Thursday. **Anne Howard**, Slow Food East End Chair, announced that, at over 70 people, it was in fact the largest Slow Food Community Potluck ever held on the East End. Guests included Sagaponack cookbook author **Hillary Davis**, who brought a pan of her Peaches and Cream Tart, from her first cookbook *Cuisine Nicoise*.

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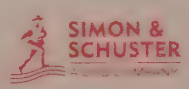

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Whales Ho! in Historic Southampton Mansion

BY OLIVER PETERSON

The Southampton Historical Museum (SHM) is proving that Sag Harbor isn't the only South Fork village with serious whaling roots. The museum's current exhibition, *Hunting The Whale: The Rise And Fall of a Southampton Industry*, is displaying a massive collection of artifacts not seen for some five decades and telling the stories of a wide range of historic characters from the whaling era.

Toward the end of the 19th century, well past the days of the great whaling boom, historian William S. Pelletreau counted some 40 whaling captains still living in Southampton and noted that their lives and adventures would make a "work of the greatest interest."

A sperm whale fights back!

A circa 1850 illustration of whaling far afield

Images Courtesy SHM

The Rogers Mansion, home to Southampton Historical Museum

Exhibition curator Emma Ballou explains that creating *Hunting The Whale* has been a goal of hers since she first saw SHM's collection of whaling artifacts when she began working there four years ago. "It's astounding," she says of the collection, which includes scrimshaw carvings, maps, whale bones, vintage photographs, all sorts of ephemera, tools, art and even some rare and valuable ambergris—the much sought after substance harvested from the bowels of sperm whales and used to make perfume.

If visitors make an appointment, Ballou says they can even experience smelling a piece of synthetic ambergris, which is used in place of the real stuff—the museum has that too—since whaling was outlawed.

In addition to the artifacts and ephemera from the era, the museum is allowing guests to look into the lives of the great captains of the day, as well as some of the less vaunted figures, such as slaves and indentured servants. The show also looks at women of that time, who weren't all just waiting on widow's walks for their men to return. In fact, Ballou says, some women even joined their husbands on whaling voyages. One such woman in the show, Caroline Rose, got pregnant during a voyage and gave birth to her daughter Emma in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I tried to tell the stories of people who didn't have much of a voice during that period," Ballou adds.

The curator also notes that when the weather gets warmer, the show will expand into the Sayre Barn, where more artifacts will be on view.

To learn more about Hunting The Whale: The Rise And Fall of a Southampton Industry *on view through December 30, 2017, visit southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org and the museum at 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2492*

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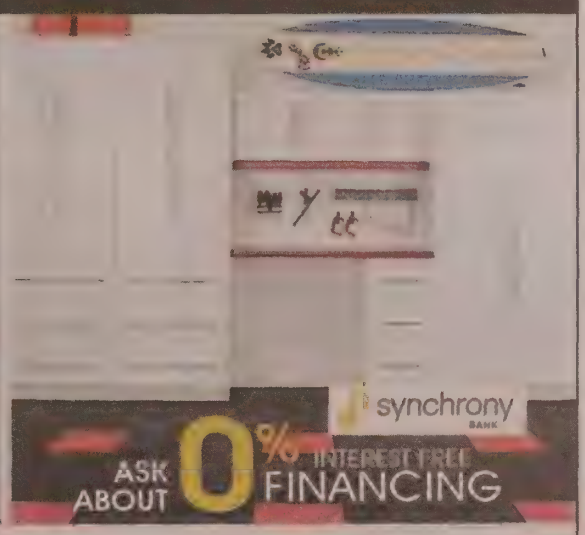

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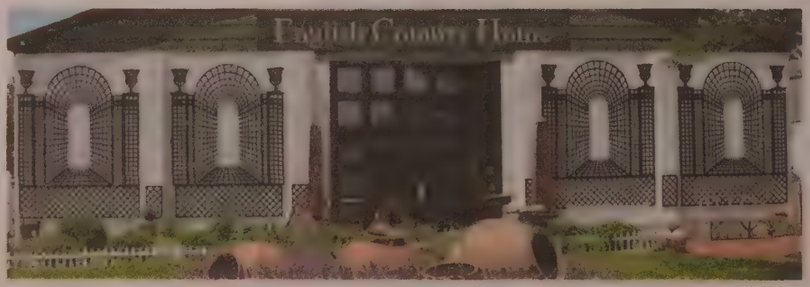

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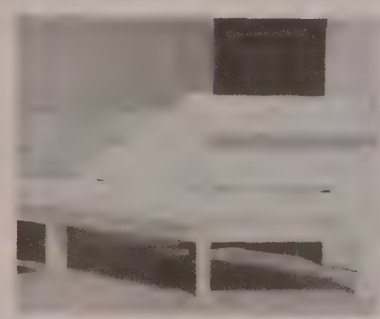
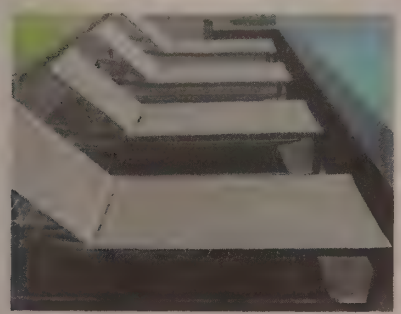

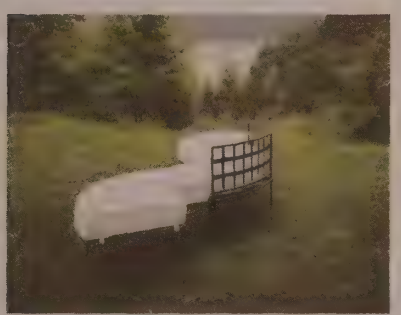

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GUEST ESSAY

Some Things I Remember

BY BERNARD CASSERLY

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I am in the backyard. I am six years old and my dad is painting a bunch of buoys so that they look like shark heads. He gives each buoy a big, red mouth, white teeth, and a pair of yellow eyes.

"Why are you doing that?" I ask him.

"To scare away the seagulls," he explains.

"Does that really work?"

"I don't know. I hope so. Damned seagulls."

My dad's name is Joel. He has a mustache and always wears a hat. He is a commercial fishing boat captain in Montauk, New York. He longlines for tilefish. It is not an easy job. He works hard for his money all year long.

My dad goes out to sea for 10 days at a time, sometimes longer. Ten days seems like a long time when you are six years old. Sometimes I stare out the front door of our house and wonder where he has gone. What is he doing out there in the middle of the ocean? What is it like? I don't know. I have never gone on a trip with him. I am too little. I have seen some pictures though. In one picture, my dad is standing on top of a huge, dead whale. The dead whale is just floating out there in the middle of the ocean, like a desert island. In another picture, my dad is standing on the deck of the boat, and everything is covered in pale, white ice. He has a shovel and he's smacking the ice to break it. He looks cold.

Barbara Lassen

2016 Emerging Young Writers Grand Prize for Nonfiction recipient Bernard Casserly

My dad's boat is called *The Restless*. It is dark green. It is always covered in bird poop. He docks it at the town dock in Montauk, with the rest of the commercial boats. I hang out at the dock a lot. I watch the forklift load huge pallets of fish onto a tractor-trailer. The fish are going to New York City. I've never been to New York City. I picture people in buildings eating fish that my dad caught. Do they like the fish? Do they think the fish is tasty? I turn away from the forklift and walk to the end of the dock. I look at the draggers with their big, silent nets. Seagulls are cackling. Everything smells like salt.

My dad always brings home fish for us to eat, whatever fish is left when he's sold all the rest. I like to watch when he fillets the fish. He always knows just where to cut. My dad likes fish, but he doesn't like fishing, because it means that he has to kill fish, lots and lots of fish. It makes him sad, but it's his job. He has to put food on the table is what he says.

Sometimes, my dad keeps little fish as pets on the boat. Once, he caught two chain dogfish and kept them in a bucket in the wheelhouse. By the end of the trip he had trained them to do tricks. He'd tap on the side of the bucket, and

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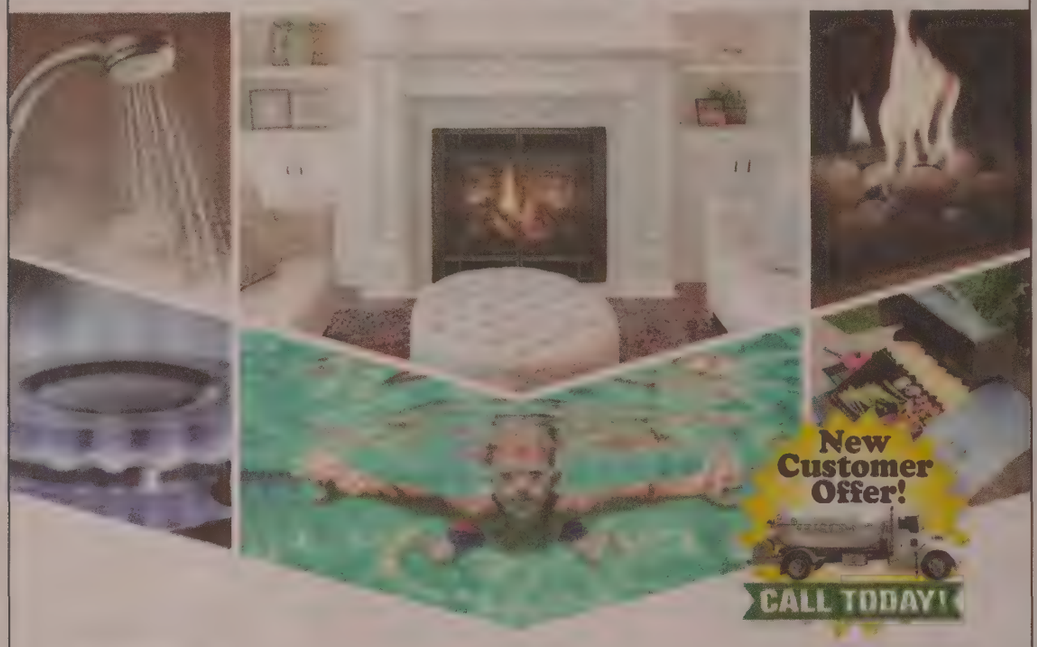

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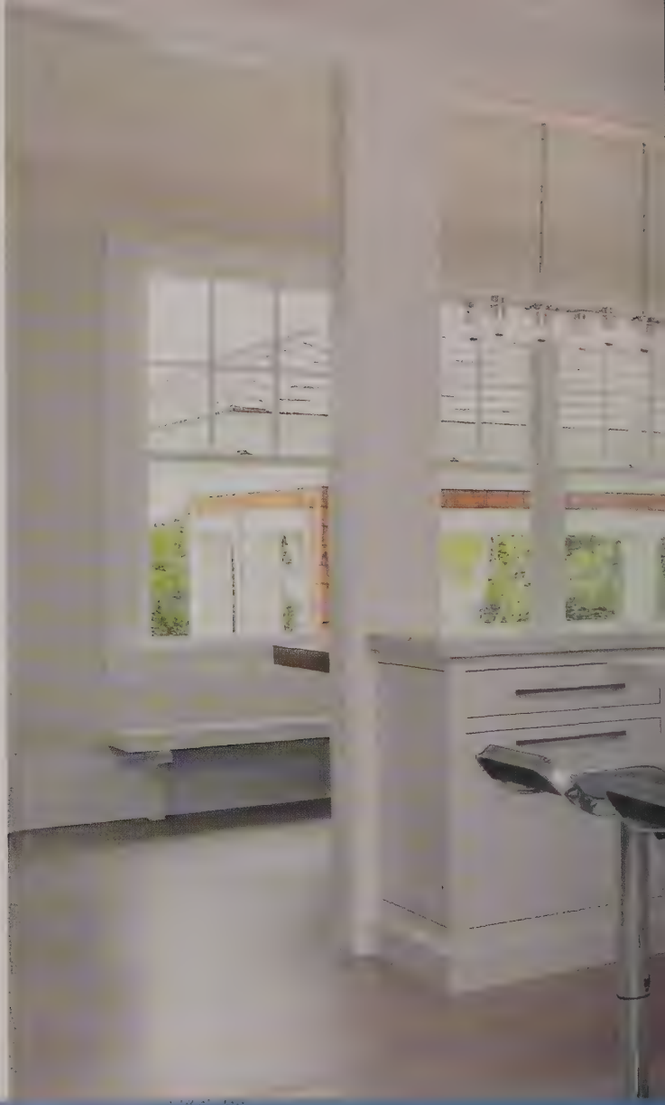

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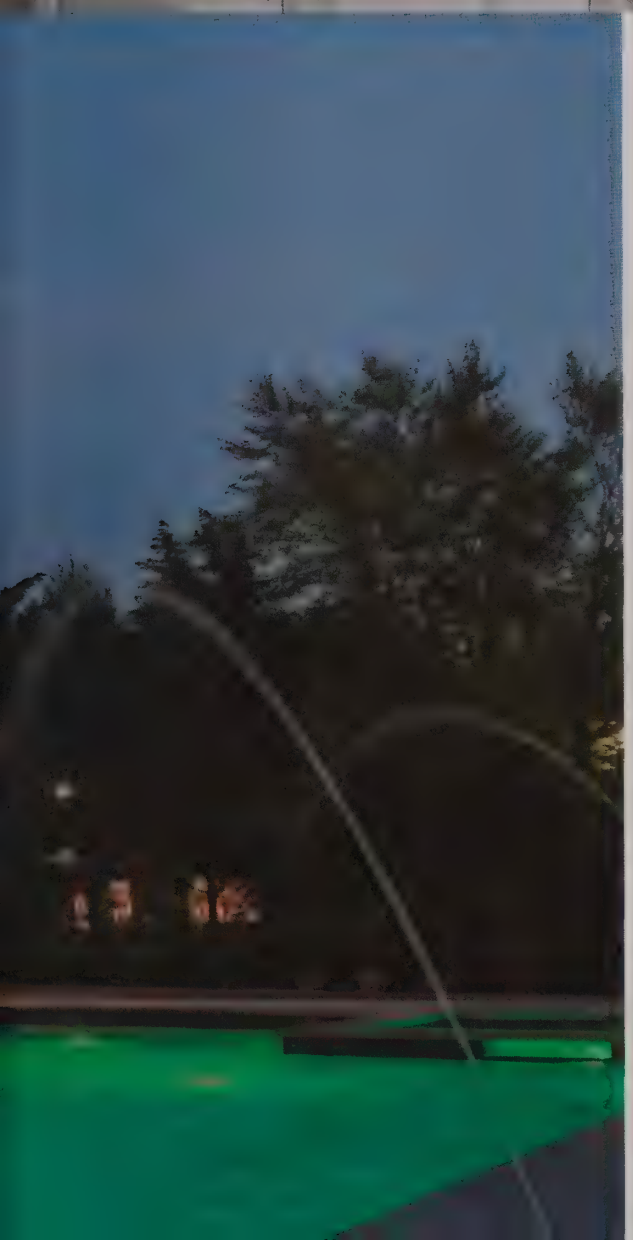

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Agents dish about their ultimate trophy homes

DREAM DWELLINGS

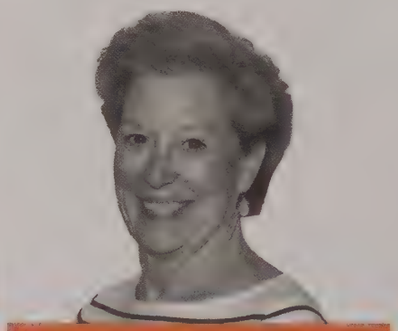
Dick Cavett's Tick Hall, the Maidstone Club, the Cedar Point Lighthouse... We asked this month's panel of real estate experts, if you could live in any house or building in the Hamptons, which would it be?

ANGELA BOYER
SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL

I recently sold a one-of-a-kind property, 1285 Flying Point Road in Water Mill. I fell in love with the architectural details, style and location. As a water enthusiast, this oceanfront dream home offered immediate ocean access and spectacular 180 degree views of the ocean and Mecox Bay: it is truly an exceptional property.

MAZ CROTTY
NEST SEEKERS INTERNATIONAL

For me, being surrounded by water, having views in all direction, sunrise and sunsets and few neighbors would be heaven! I would be very happy in Cedar Point Lighthouse with a major renovation. Lighthouses are probably my favorite buildings—simple, functional and always placed in dramatically beautiful settings. For move in tomorrow, I will take Kilkare in Wainscott. It's quintessential Hamptons, with amazing craftsmanship in a stunning location on the ocean.



MARY SLATTERY
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I would love to live in the old Rogers Library in Southampton Village on Jobs Lane. It would be so cool to modernize the interior while retaining the original exterior. Great location too!

CAROL NOBBS
DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE

I'd have to say 77 Dune Road, my oceanfront exclusive in Bridgehampton. I would fix it up with a new kitchen and bathroom, and paint the inside white.. I'd probably add new windows, doors, siding and roof and be happy as a clam. Living on the ocean in that adorable cottage would be my dream come true.

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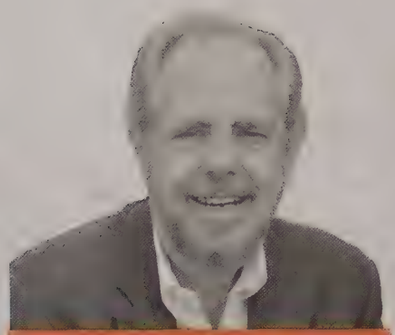
I think it would have to be the Maidstone Clubhouse. Is there a better spot?



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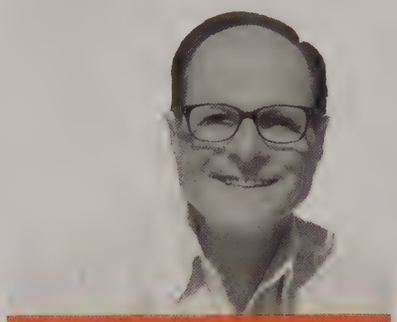

JOHN CHRISTOPHER
SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL

Besides my own home in Sag Harbor Village, I would have to say Tick Hall. Living in Dick Cavett's oceanfront mansion situated on 20 acres overlooking the Atlantic Ocean would be sublime.

DOUG SABO
NEST SEEKERS INTERNATIONAL

In a heartbeat, I would live in the Elliptical House off of Scuttle Hole Road on Millstone Road in Water Mill. I loved driving by it as a kid and seeing the sheep nearby and thinking it was out of a fairy tale. Even today I still love its striking whimsical appearance. It's like nothing else in the Hamptons yet fits in perfectly.

JUDY DESIDERIO
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The Warhol estate in Montauk!

AIMEE MARTIN
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I've always dreamed of owning a romantic nooks-and-crannies-filled home that sits high on a bluff with sweeping views of the sea. It would have a seaside porch with a hammock for reading, falling asleep to the crashing surf below and daydreaming about the lives of its 19th-century past inhabitants. Dick Cavett's Tick Hall, one of the Seven Sisters grouping of houses in the Montauk Association designed by the architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White, is where I'd like to live!

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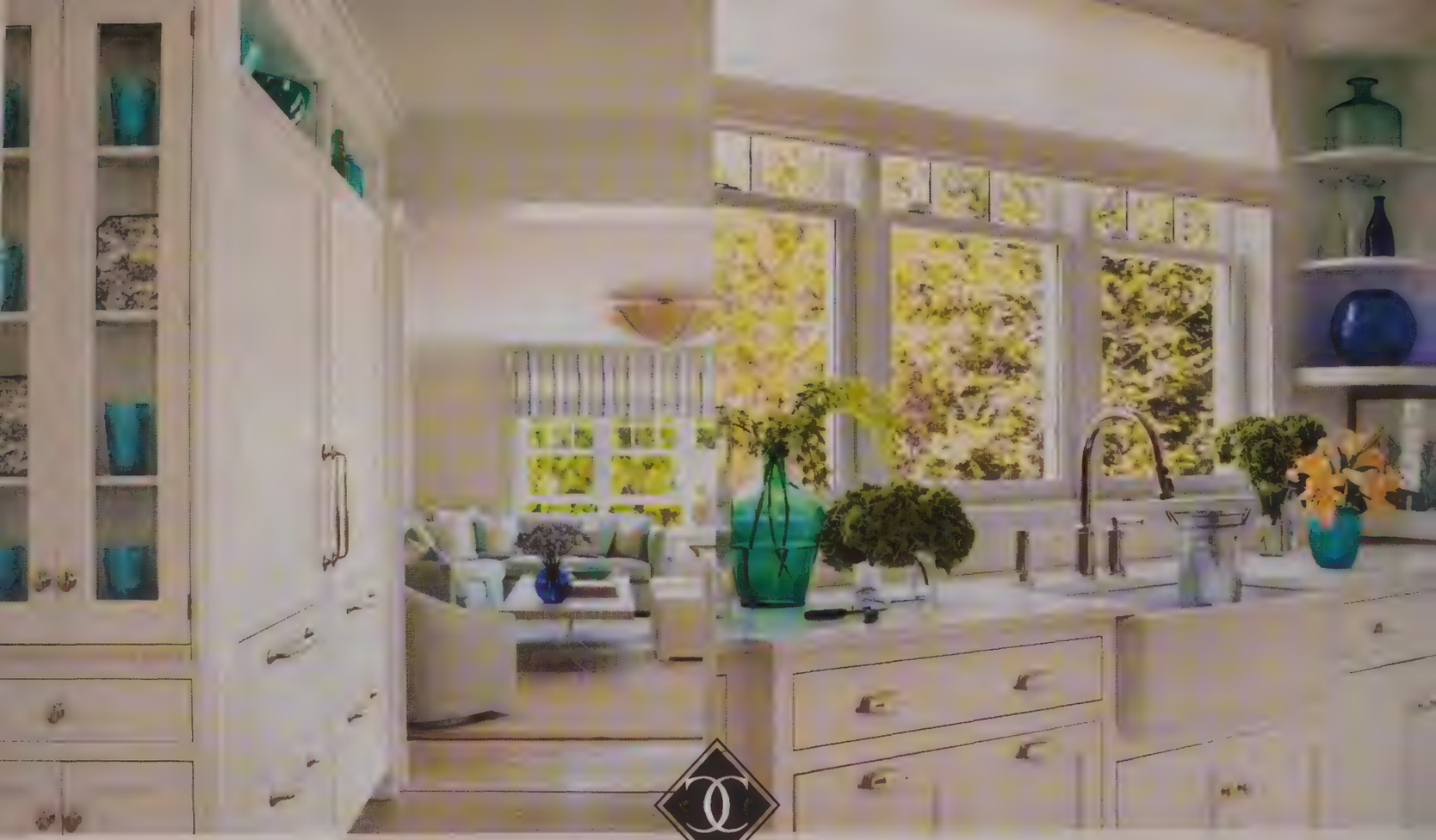

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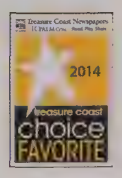

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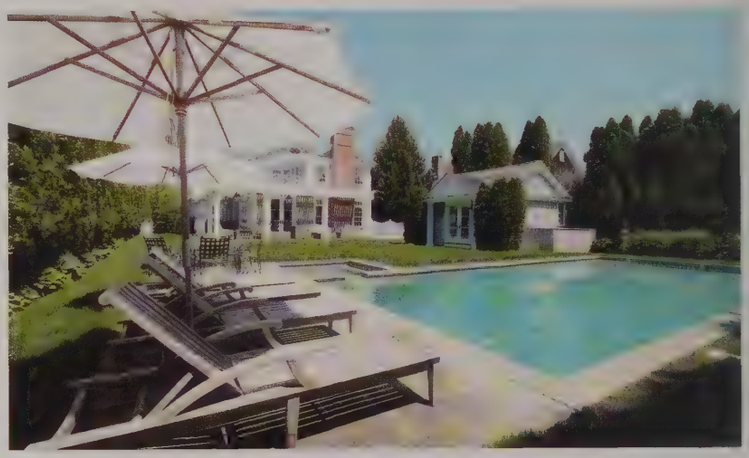

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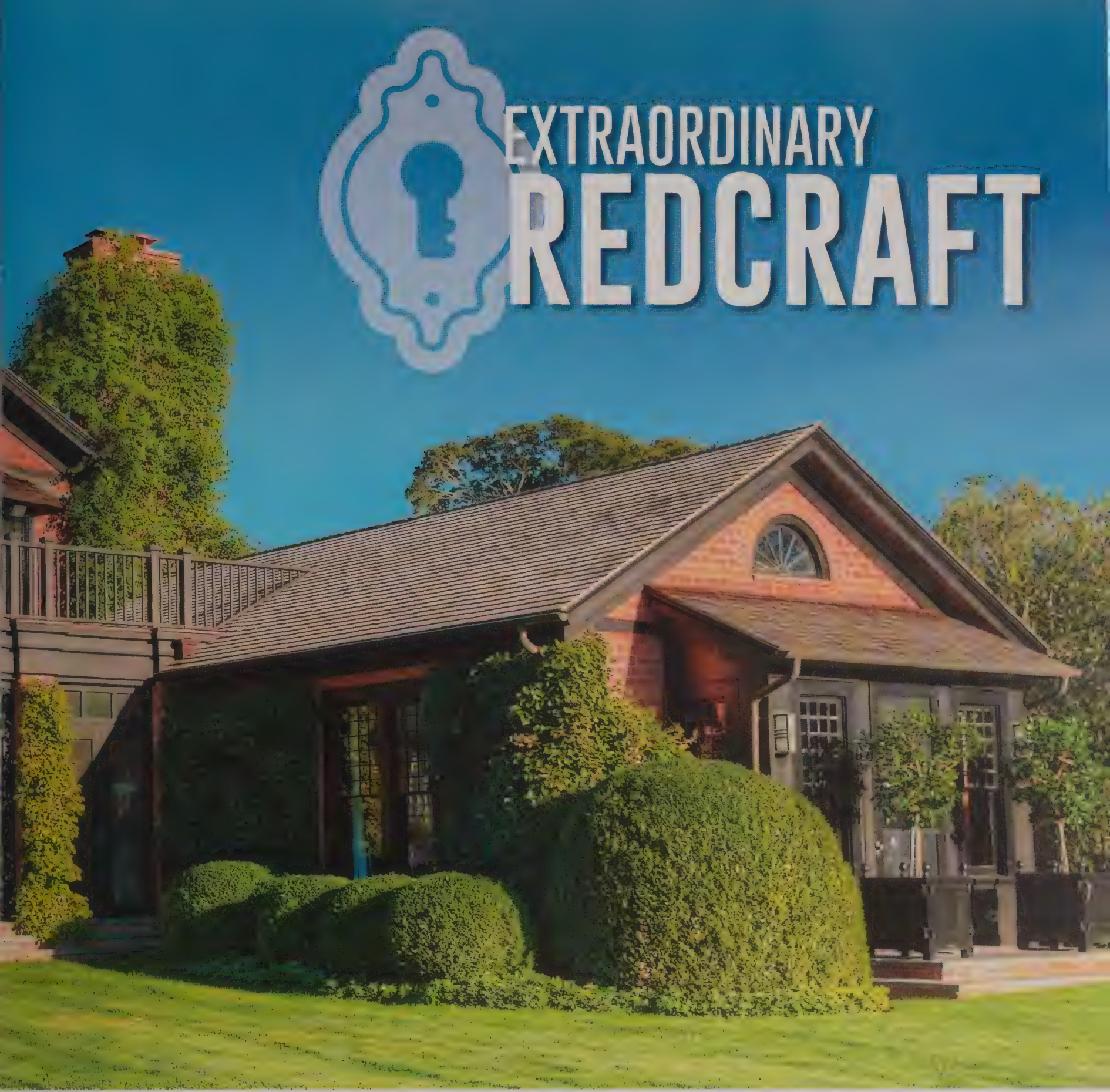
REDCRAFT, ON OX PASTURE LANE, SOUTHAMPTON, IS A FASCINATING HOUSE. ORIGINALLY CALLED RED CROFT, IT WAS BUILT IN 1897 BY CHARLES G. FRANCKLYN. EVEN IN AN AREA LIKE SOUTHAMPTON, FAMOUS FOR CELEBRITIES AND HUGE PERSONALITIES, THERE CAN BE FEW WHOSE LIVES RIVALED CHARLES GILBERT FRANCKLYN'S.

He was the great grandson of pro-slavery polemicist Gilbert Francklyn, who owned plantations in Tobago and Jamaica. His mother, Sarah Jane Cunard, was the daughter of the shipping magnate. Charles was born in 1844 in London and later moved to New York to work as an agent for the Cunard shipping line. In addition to his own capital investments, which included railroad stock, he managed interests for British investors, including his friend Lord Rosebery, the future British prime minister. Lord Rosebery's marriage to the Rothschild heiress made him one of the wealthiest men in Britain.

Francklyn was prominent in the development of the gas industry in New York; in 1878 he organized the Municipal Gas Light Company and later founded the Consolidated Gas Company of New York. He arranged to buy from William

EXTRAORDINARY REDCRAFT



Rockefeller a waste product, naphtha, that Standard Oil had been dumping into the sea. Francklyn then invented a process by which hydrogen gas and naphtha were combined to create gas that could be used to illuminate. Consolidated Gas then acquired steam, gas, and electric companies serving New York City and Westchester. Today it's known as Consolidated Edison.

In 1882, the Francklyn Land and Cattle Company, an English syndicate headed by Charles, purchased 637,440 acres of the Texas panhandle for $887,000. An enormous cattle ranch was built intending to cash in on the "Beef Bonanza." Unfortunately, the manager appointed by the Francklyn company overspent on livestock, fencing, as well as living quarters. A terrible blizzard in January 1886 made the ranch bankrupt.

The next year, Francklyn, also president of the Horn Silver Mining Company, known as the richest silver mine in the world, was arrested at home in New York. The charge was fraud. Francklyn's cousin, Sir Bache Cunard, alleged that Charles had embezzled $3,000,000 Cunard had entrusted him to invest for his own use. Litigation over the matter (once Francklyn made bail) dragged on for many years, and also included a libel action by Francklyn to *The Times* of London.

Eventually, the litigation cost Francklyn his summer home at Elberon, New Jersey, a Shingle Style house designed by Charles McKim of McKim, Meade and White. It was here that President James Garfield, trying to recover from an assassin's bullet, was brought to recuperate and it was here that President Garfield died. (The Francklyn Cottage burned to the ground in 1914.)

The main Francklyn residence, where he lived with wife Susan and children Gilbert and Doris, was 5 Washington Square, New York. Of course, the family needed a summer home as well, and they chose Southampton. The Francklyn family was one of the first to make Southampton a fashionable destination.

Unfortunately, little is known about Red Croft's design or construction: Susan was in charge of furnishing it. Nor is much known about the garden design. Recently, though, landscape architect Perry Guillot, who reworked the gardens for the present owner, noted, "A century-old allée of chestnut trees along the east border is like no other in the village of Southampton."

The Francklyns lived quietly and happily at Red Croft for many years. Mrs. Francklyn made the papers in 1915, when apparently she had a moving picture stopped at a local theater because of its raciness. The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* reported, "Who Stopped the Movies? None Will Take the Credit Mrs. Francklyn of Southampton Insists She Didn't Do It Or Rather Her Daughter Does And Manager Allen Says He Ought to Know. [...] J.S. Allen, proprietor of the Garden Theater, where the new censor got busy last Wednesday night, still insists and 'insists' is putting It mildly that it was Mrs. Charles O. Francklyn, who was shocked into actlon. Mrs. Francklyn refuses to discuss silk stockings, or anything else, but her daughter, Miss Doris, persists with as much force as Mr. Allen insists that her mother had nothing to do with the sudden exit of the hosiery display. 'Why mother had no more to do with stepping those pictures than this poor little dog,' said Miss Francklyn. And she held up a white poodle, which barked vigorously in righteous indignation."

"Francklyn was prominent in the development of the gas industry. He invented a process by which hydrogen gas and naphtha were combined to create illuminating gas. His company is today known as Consolidated Edison."

A shiny black ceilling anchors a sitting room; the beautiful French art deco master bathroom; more green and red in bedrooms.

Signature black touches in the kitchen including a tumbling-block style floor; red-framed pictures in a hallway.

Charles Gilbert Francklyn died in 1929. He left Red Croft to his son Gilbert, who seems to have enjoyed the estate along with Doris for the rest of their lives; they died in 1957 and 1959. Neither married and are buried together in Southampton Cemetery, as are Charles and Susan.

The next notable owner was art connoisseur Paul F. Walter who bought the property in 1986. He collected everything from Mughal miniatures to British decorative arts, but is best remembered today as a pioneering collector of photographs. He was a renowned figure in the art world, befriending artists—for example, he sent Mapplethorpe the bunch of tulips that inspired his series of plant photographs—and donating works to major museums.

He had Redcroft (as it was now known) decorated by architect and interior designer Mark Kaminski in the late nineteenth century Arts and Crafts style, using museum-quality furniture and artwork, as well as layered William Morris pattern wallpapers.

The grounds were designed in the English style by landscape designer Deborah Nevins. And when Nigel Nicolson visited the house, he pronounced them the American equivalent of the gardens at Sissinghurst tended by his mother, Vita Sackville-West.

Mr. Walter eventually decided to downsize, selling Redcroft to Citibank executive Robert Buxton and wife Anne in 1999 for $4 million. Sadly, he died earlier this year and the best pieces from his collections will be auctioned at Christie's at the end of September.

In the extraordinary French art deco style master bathroom, sconces by Jacques Adnet complement a steel fire surround found in Paris.

The Buxtons lived at the property for some years, finally selling for $9 million in 2008. The current owner of the property, now known as Redcraft, had the interiors redecorated by eminent designer Steven Gambrel and the four acres of gardens redesigned by Perry Guillot. Now, hedges of copper beech and yew surround a walled flower garden. But the crowning glory of the property are the ancient specimen trees.

Today, the house is sleek and sophisticated from the sure hand of Steven Gambrel. The entry hall features rusticated walls that look like stone blocks; the dining room juxtaposes director's chairs with a gilt Chippendale mirror; and a gallery of black-and-white family photos are framed in red. Parrot green and red touches enliven the mostly neutral palette. In the extraordinary French art deco style master bathroom, Jacques Adnet sconces complement a steel fire surround found in Paris. Black, as always with Gambrel, is in evidence, with black painted ceilings and the designer's signature black kitchen, in this case lightened by antique benches from the estate of Bill Blass.

Redcraft has changed over the past 120 years, and no doubt will change again in the next 120, but it has always been and always will be extraordinary.

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Sharyn Guzzi, an agent at Long Island Horse Properties, says, "The first thing I ask people when they seek my help is what kind of riding they do. Are they arena/show people or do they want to ride on bridle paths?" If the latter, that narrows the number of available properties to those close to parks with trails for horses, although Sharyn adds that on the East End, there are actually miles and miles of bridle paths along undeveloped land and farmland. They're not groomed trails as in parks, but they're there.

The next thing Sharyn asks is how many horses the prospective buyer has or wants to have. You must be very careful to check zoning regulations of the town or hamlet where you're buying before you move in any horses. Some allow one horse on a half acre, some on one acre, and so on. Even if you have enough land, you may not be allowed to keep a horse on it. Check zoning!

"What's your price range?" is, of course, the next question Sharyn asks. You'll need deep pockets to own a horse property on the East End. The properties we've selected, however, run the gamut in price from a relatively affordable $1.4 million to an eye-watering $39 million.

First up is the lowest cost property, which offers 4.93 acres in Flanders for $1.4 million. There's a nine-stall horse stable and a large cleared grass area for a riding/training ring. A huge koi pond can accommodate your finny friends as well; there's also a natural pond, a pool and hot tub, and a Craftsman style home with five bedrooms.

Next is an East Hampton farm formerly owned by showjumping legend Harry de Leyer, owner of "80 Dollar Champion" Snowman. Asking $7 million, the property includes almost 15 acres of land, a fifty-stall barn, indoor rubber riding ring, outdoor riding rings, and a five-bedroom, three-bath home with heated pool.

How much land a does a horse really need, though? Sharyn says, "The more land the better, but there are plenty of people who ride their horses regularly and give them plenty of exercise on smaller parcels."

For horse people, is the barn or the actual house more important to them? Sharyn chuckles at the question. Many of her customers insist on seeing the barn and horse facilities before they see the actual house. After all, you can always renovate a house.

That question is unnecessary, however, when it comes to our last property. As it should, considering it is asking an astonishing $39 million. There's 10 acres of land, with stables with paddocks and riding fields. The house is amazing: 18,000 square feet with 12 bedrooms and a fabulous finished lower level with sunken spa, sauna, steam room, massage room, fully equipped gym, and theatre. There's also a six-bedroom guest house, caretaker's cottage, two pools (one for the main, one for the guest house) and a pool house. Landscaping by Edmund Hollander includes lovely gardens, stonework, arbors, a tennis court, and bluestone terraces. Yes, the house and facilities for humans are just as amazing as the accommodation for horses.

- Laura Euler

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MASTER CRAFTSMAN CHARLES WILDBANK, PAINTER

The practice of bringing homes to life with vibrant art is a practice as old as man's need to seek shelter. From parietal art adorning prehistoric cave dwellings in Lascaux, France, to the wet-plaster frescoes of civilizations throughout the world, humans have always decorated the spaces in which we live. Many would argue that art within a home is the ultimate expression of its owner.

Jamesport painter Charles Wildbank embraces this historic paradigm, creating massive, photorealistic and often surreal pieces of art for the walls of luxury residences all over the East End. The artist makes works to fit any size home, but he most resembles his archaic forebears with the colossally scaled murals.

His most viewed of these titanic pieces are a pair of 19' x 10' paintings in Britain's mighty RMS *Queen Mary 2* (*QM2*) cruise ship. A commission

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from Cunard Line, they demonstrate Wildbank's talent for owning a space and making just about anything a client might want. He's done the same for many fine East End homes on both walls and ceilings.

"I usually paint on canvas so you can move it—people move every 10 years on average," the artist explains, noting that these large canvases can be stretched on a frame or applied directly to a wall. Even better, he says, painting on perfectly sized wood panels allows for easy install and attractive presentation. One large piece can be split between several panels, fit through the door, and then seamlessly reconstructed inside a home.

Wildbank works in a home studio that would appear too small for the huge paintings he loves to create, but he's devised a number of techniques to make it possible. The monumental woodland scenes for the *QM2*, for example, were painted inside his living room, rolled and sent to Europe where Cunard's architect installed them on the ship.

"My ceilings are 19 feet high, so it fitS," Wildbank says, describing how he set up a scaffold and used a heavy-duty, inflammable Trevira canvas—which is a good idea for any mural. "It was so big I had to prime it on the street," he continues. "You paint from left to right and you roll it out if you don't have that much space."

Art comes naturally to Wildbank; he's honed his craft and the ability to perfectly recreate photographic images over more than four decades as a professional fine artist. "I think I did it all my life, using my photographs

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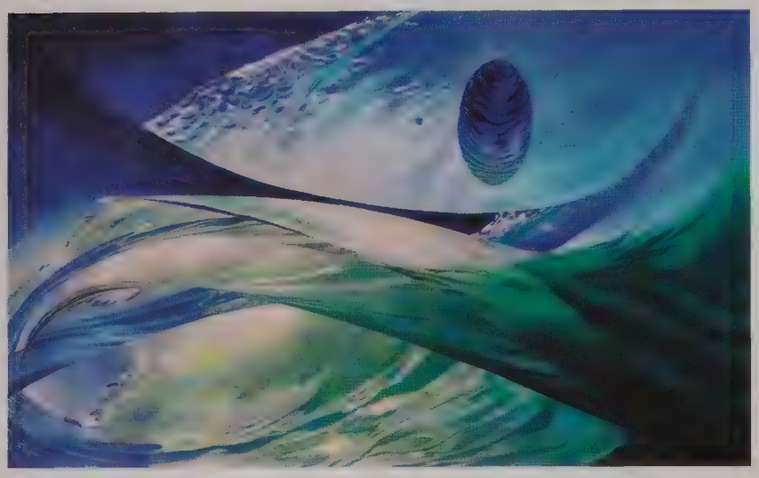

as a model, and I enjoyed it for a long time—then I wanted to start using my imagination," he recalls.

While Wildbank can, and still does, paint photorealistic works featuring arrangements of objects, human and pet portraits, figurative scenes and landscapes, he's taken to exploring more surreal and expressive applications. These new paintings access his skill for photorealism, but instead of simply recreating things from real life, Wildbank is putting his own spin on the work.

His recent paintings of cakes and sweets include realistic images of the colorful treats—now, however, Wildbank is painting ants into the pictures. His "Urban Delight" places ants in what appears to be a cityscape of rectangular white cakes covered in rainbow sprinkles.

Using a similar mindset, the artist has numerous works with compositions of water and waves. His 180-inch "Wave Panoramic" is a beautiful demonstration of this melding of real and imagined. In it, he takes a striking wave-scape and boosts it with fanciful curves that sit teetering on the edge of reality.

"When people ask me what I paint—I paint life," Wildbank says, pointing out that the surreal is part of it. As a way of staying grounded while also delving deeper into his mind's eye, he began meditating, and it opened him to new possibilities in the studio. "As I approached my late 40s and 50s, I noticed a lot of mental dialogue, even arguing going on," Wildbank says, explaining that the practice allowed him to step outside his box and reevaluate his approach to painting and life.

He also came to realize that painting is also a meditative process. "The more you sink into it, the more that comes out of the woodwork," Wildbank says. "The process of painting draws out what's inside of you and there's no limit to it."

Wildbank is rare among painters because he's gifted at both the making and business of art. He's keenly aware of the effect a good painting has on a home, especially a home that's for sale, and he's lent his work to architects, home stagers and realtors for that reason. A house featuring about a dozen of his artworks recently sold for $7.95 million in Water Mill, and it's very likely the paintings helped close the deal.

"The architect was really pleased with the difference," Wildbank says, describing the property after his paintings were installed. "It puts a flavor in each room," he explains during a tour of the home. "You remember which room you just left," Wildbank adds. "It's more inviting—people feel comfortable and stay in here longer."

For Wildbank, art makes the home—and the bigger the better. "It sets the vibe, the tone of the room—the ambiance," he says. "When the painting has been removed, they realize what they've been missing."

- Oliver Peterson

Courtesy Charles W

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Don Disbrow, founder of **Antique Lumber Co**. has a different idea of what makes a house beautiful and interesting, and thankfully so do his discerning clients. For Disbrow, reclaimed wood—the planks, flooring, paneling and beams pulled from old barns and historic structures all over the country—has an appeal far superior to anything coming fresh from the mill.

"You can't achieve that look out of new material," he says, "the patinas, the colors."

Each job is typically as unique as the time-worn and storied materials he uses, but everything Disbrow does is about putting these treasures from the past on display, creating a look that cannot be replicated with paint, stain or anything else one might try.

"I'm a furniture maker by trade," Disbrow says, pointing out that he graduated from Pierson High School in Sag Harbor and went on to study furniture and cabinetmaking at trade school before setting out on his own.

Disbrow opened his first showroom in Water Mill in 1998, then finally moved to Montauk in 2011.

With nearly 20 years in the business, Disbrow has become the East End's go-to guy, serving everyone from rock royalty and movie stars to business owners, well-heeled hedge-funders, politicians and even regular working locals with an eye for sophisticated design. He's also discreet. Even when prodded, Disbrow refuses to name his high-profile or celebrity clientele on the record. "I try to appease everybody," he says, adding, "I will not be undersold by any local competitor."

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Story courtesy of Oliver Peterson

THE RIGHT RESPONSE

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Many people just shut down and don't respond to a lawsuit. To be clear, at the end of a complaint is a paragraph that starts with the term "wherefore." This clause demands the damages sought in the lawsuit and such damages will be awarded should you not timely respond by way of a motion for a default judgment and subsequent order of the court. Again, a lawsuit is a very serious matter and ignoring it will result in losing the case. Unfortunately, many clients see their lawyer after judgment has been entered. These people wait until their bank account is frozen or their car is seized. At the eleventh hour they want relief. You need to know that when you wait so long your legal defense costs go up exponentially and the ability for an attorney to obtain positive results goes down drastically. To be clear, there are ways to vacate (undo) a default, but such methods should be used sparingly and only when truly necessary.

UNDERSTAND AN ANSWER

Unfortunately, the term "Answer" is misleading to many, it often results in a defendant calling the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney and mistakenly believing that the summons was properly answered. To be clear, an Answer is a legal document that requires precision in draftsmanship to be accepted by the plaintiff, filed with the court and to provide necessary defensive rights. There are simple requirements such as format (font size, margin size, printing requirements, and so on), intermediate requirements such as captioning (identifying the parties, the court and the index number under which the matter was filed) and complex requirements of how to respond to the allegations in the complaint, drafting affirmative defenses (that is, even if the complaint is all true, arguments that will nonetheless dismiss the case) and counterclaims (pursuant to the old adage that the best defense is a good offense). As a result, when you are sued, you need to go to the law library, search the web and intensively study.

Yes, individuals can represent themselves and don't technically need an attorney (corporations need legal representation and generally cannot represent themselves). Individuals can also give themselves stitches or fix their own car without a license, but just because you can doesn't mean you should. Get the help you need from an attorney and vigorously defend your rights.

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MY HAMPTONS

JOEY WÖLFFER

Vintner
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When she was 9, Joey Wölffer's parents moved the family to their 175-acre Sagaponack farm. In 1992, her father started the now famous winery, which produces the quintessential Hamptons summer drink, Wölffer rosé. Joey and her brother Marc took over the vineyard in 2013. They've breathed fresh young life into the brand, with such innovations as the fun Rosé Drive-Thru at the winery and two restaurants featuring Wölffer wine—Wölffer Kitchen Sag Harbor and Wölffer Kitchen Amagansett.

Never one to rest on her laurels, Joey opened her first Styleliner five years ago, selling clothing and accessories out of an old potato chip truck. Before joining the winery, she'd honed her skills as a jewelry designer and trend director for Jones Apparel Group. Now in bricks-and-mortar locations, the Styleliner shops can be found in Sag Harbor, Nantucket, and Los Angeles. They're filled with the kind of boho, free-spirited chic the Hamptons—and Joey—are known for. Joey lives in Sag Harbor with her husband Max Rohn and daughter Nell.

8TH: What do you love about the Hamptons?
JW: I love the versatility from the beach to the stable. There's always something to do.

8TH: What is your favorite non-Wölffer restaurant in the Hamptons?
JW: For sushi, I'd head to Sen in Sag Harbor and for Italian—Tutto il Giorno. To be honest, though, we also love to just pack up dinner and eat it on the beach!

8TH: Describe your Hamptons home and decorating style.
JW: It's fun, colorful and whimsical. Our home is very much inspired by the Hamptons bohemia of my youth, but with a modern twist.

8TH: Describe your perfect day on the East End.
JW: As far as beaches go, Gibson Beach is my favorite. I'd stop at Serene Green on the way, a farm stand with everything from fresh berries to seafood, and on a perfect day I'd of course go shopping. There are a unique variety of stores like Black Swan Antiques for fabulous antique furniture and Collette Consignment, the ultimate consignment treasure box.

- Laura Euler

1 *Gibson Beach is Joey's favorite* **2** *Joey loves to stock up on local bounty at Serene Green* **3** *Wölffer Estate Vineyard is a favorite for oenophiles*

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the little dogfish would swim up to the top of the bucket and roll over, and he'd scratch their pale, white bellies.

Sometimes I go with my dad to the boat so he can get everything ready for his next trip. I sit in the wheelhouse while he works on the engine. He usually makes some Tang for me to drink. I like Tang. There is lots of Tang on the boat, lots of food in little pouches, kind of like astronaut food. Sometimes I think my dad is like an astronaut. He's always out there in the middle of the ocean, and there's no way to talk to him except a satellite phone that you're only supposed to use if it's an emergency. It feels like he might as well be in outer space.

My dad takes me down to see the engine room sometimes. The engine room is under the deck. You have to climb down a little ladder, and then open a big, metal door to get inside. The engine is humongous. I have to wear earmuffs because the engine is so loud. It smells like burning diesel. The engine shakes my tiny body. Being in the engine room makes me feel like a little boat in the middle of an ocean, like something very small floating in the middle of a swirling bigness.

There are four men on my dad's crew. They all have funny nicknames like Glimpy, No-Neck Kevin, and Bo-Bo. Bo-Bo is one of my dad's best friends. He has long blonde hair, faded green tattoos, and he always wears a bandanna. He only has seven fingers. He lost the other ones in an accident on the boat. He keeps his fingers in a jar on a shelf in his living room. Sometimes I go to his house with my dad to see the jar of fingers. I don't think the fingers are weird. My dad is friends with lots of people who are missing fingers. It's just something that happens. Sometimes fisherman don't have fingers. Sometimes accidents happen.

I remember one time my dad had to get on a little plane and fly up to Rhode Island. His friend Chris Schumann was in the hospital there. Schumann works on my dad's crew sometimes. My dad looked very worried before he left. My mom said that Schumann had gotten hit by a very big wave on the last trip. She said he was hurt very badly. The Coast Guard had to come get him with a helicopter and take him to the hospital. It must have been very scary.

Sometimes my mom takes me to the jetty down by Gosman's to watch my dad leave for his trips. It is always very early in the morning. The sun is a little red smear in the corner of the sky. The rest of the sky is dark and filled with stars. We watch as my dad's big, steel boat slips out past the jetty and into the churning ocean. My mom waves goodbye. I wave goodbye too. We watch the boat get smaller and smaller until it is so small that it isn't there anymore. Then we get into our car and go home.

To find out who the winners of the 2017 Dan's Papers $10,000 Literary Prize for Nonfiction are, please join us at the 6th annual Dan's Literary Festival and Gala Awards Ceremony at Guild Hall in East Hampton. This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and events begin at 4 p.m.. See page 63 for more details.

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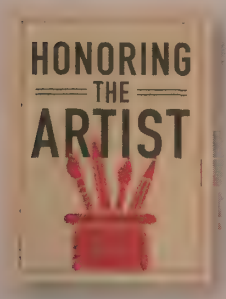

Lynn Mara's cover is also the official poster of the 2017 Hampton Classic Horse Show. Mara was born and raised on the East End. Her artwork has appeared on the Hampton Jitney, at Plaza Café in Southampton and at other Long Island restaurants. Mara's father-in-law was the late Wellington Mara, owner of the New York Giants. Her paintings of Giants players are on display at the Legacy Club at MetLife Stadium and at the team's training facility in East Rutherford, New Jersey. She frequently paints horses, beach scenes, Indian chiefs and farms and vineyards.

Why do you love to paint horses?

People have always had a love affair with horses. For me, horses represent strength, grace, elegance and beauty. They're sexy and romantic. I think my time in Saratoga, studying the paintings of Alfred Munnings, inspired me to try to capture and compose a horse in painting the way he did.

Will you be at the Hampton Classic?

I wouldn't miss it! I come every year looking for great new photographs to work from. I'm hoping to cheer on my niece, Lily Brown who will be showing in the Classic in the jumping class. My sister Erin, who owns Topiaire Flower Shop in Southampton, does a lot of design work for many clients attending.

Describe your creative process.

If my eyes are open, I'm in a perpetual creative flow. Sometimes I can respond immediately to what I see, other times it is stored away for later. I take lots of snap shots. Then I imagine the composition and a color scheme. I try to be conscientious of decorating trends and color schemes. I like to paint things big, and from the perspective of having a privileged proximity, i.e. in the racing paddock, on the sidelines, in the locker room or on a private vineyard. I always begin with a painted sketch directly on the canvas and things just evolve from there. I was very deliberate about the painting for the Hampton Classic poster.

How did you develop your distinctive style, what you allude to as the "Brilliant Disguise"?

I sold my first painting at our flower stand in front of our home when I was about eleven. Then I majored in art in college and have been painting my entire life. I came to admire the authentic lifestyle and hard work of the farmers, baymen, landscapers and vineyard workers. I feel very fortunate to have been born and raised on the East End. Painting is both the mode to express that gratitude and the gift I've never tired of.

The allusion to the "Brilliant Disguise" refers to the Divine presence in all that is good and beautiful in nature and in life. My style is born out of a joy derived from being immersed in life; particularly life on the East End as I have experienced it. I think the signature sign in my work is my use of bright, bold colors and the love of my subject matter, whether horse or human. It should reflect that love of life to the viewer.

Who are your biggest influences as an artist?

As a child I spent endless hours at the home of local artist Jane Doscher. Her home was just a few doors down from another favorite artist of mine, Fairfield Porter. I credit her and my mom for the early encouragement, which was so important. Later, my friend and fellow artist Jack Riggio sent me home with some of his palette knives and told me to loosen up and have fun! We shared a love of figurative work and strong,

bold colors. Other favorites include LeRoy Nieman, Andy Warhol and Childe Hassam.

What are you currently working on?

I'm currently working on a series of abstract, big, beautiful, bright American Flags for an upcoming show at the Westchester Children's Museum in Rye. The exhibit will be up from September 15 through November.

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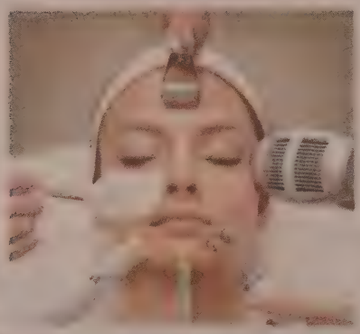

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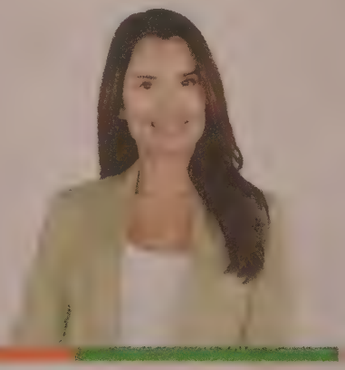

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Dining on the Mediterranean Side of Fort Pond

BY STACY DERMONT

Last Sunday I met my friend, *Behind the Hedges* Editor-in-Chief Laura Euler for a quick dinner at Arbor in Montauk.

Of course we sat outside. Of course we ordered some Mediterranean white bean hummus with toasted hazelnuts from the menu's "For the Table" listings—for a dark wood table with brown paper placemats and white linen napkins, surrounded by comfy director's chairs, that is. Love the little beach plum bushes right next to the tables. Soon the fruit will ripen and tempt diners to indulge...

One of Montauk's slick new restaurants, Arbor offers a modern menu. Screened off from the outside world, the atmosphere is abuzz with the low rumble from the nearby train station.

The *za'atar* on our hummus chimed just the right note—served with salted toast, it really hit the spot. Our server Geda agreed. He's originally from Ethiopia, so he has strong opinions about spice.

Of course one needs a beverage to wash down a generous portion of hummus garnished with roasted shishito peppers. Local choices include Montauk Brewing Company's Montauk Wave Chaser IPA, Southampton Publick House's Double White Ale and Montauk Summer Rosé, but every night is a "school night" for me, now that I'm writing my first cookbook. I stuck with glasses of water, which were all the more a "pure" choice because Arbor supports the Whole World Water Initiative, which brings clean and safe water to a billion people around the world. Laura found a cava brut from Segura Viudas listed as "A Steal" on the menu, which suited her nicely.

Eric Striffler
Grilled Octopus at Arbor

Geda suggested that we might like to try the Grilled Octopus Niçoise with its black olives, fingerling potatoes and French beans; or the Fisherman's Platter, which is very popular, from the raw bar. But his description of the night's Market Fish—local filleted fluke in a caper and lemon butter sauce "straight from Montauk's best dragger"—enticed me, so I ordered that entrée, skipping over the apps. Loved it. Cheese on fish always makes me smile and the side of fingerling potatoes was done to perfection—a bit crispy on the outside, creamy within. And the "icing on the cake" was the colorful microgreens and caper peppers atop the layer of cheese. Laura went in the direction of Italy by ordering the Truffata pizza, followed by a pretty tumbler of pink and purple-hued gelatos. The Triple Berry Gelato Cup gave the rare pause to our discussions of husbands, children and the need to ignore housework.

Eric Striffler
Dine inside—or out—at Arbor

Somehow I had room for a Poached Pear, which was well executed. Just be sure that your server gives you a knife and fork for this dish—a teaspoon will not "cut it."

We'd like to go back soon to try the Goodale goat cheese croquetas and the seafood pasta.

Arbor, 240 Fort Pond Road, Montauk, 631-238-5430, arbormontauk.com, open through Labor Day. Follow Stacy's foodie adventures on Twitter @hamptonsepicure.

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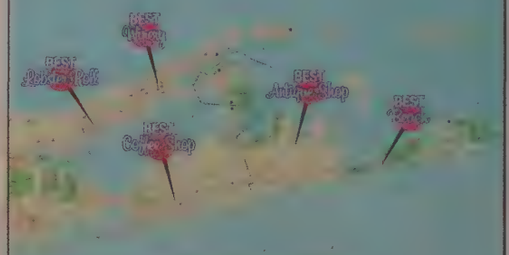

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Celebrate Celebrity Autobiography

BY BERTRAND LANGHORNE

We already know the "other half" lives differently. Some of us may even be intimately aware of the details of those different rich and fabulous lives via the autobiographies they've written. But on Friday, August 25 at Guild Hall you'll be able to experience those celebrity autobiographies in a truly unique way when New York's funniest show, *Celebrity Autobiography: The 2017 Edition*, hits the Hamptons for two shows in one night.

The premise is simple: Celebrities read the published autobiographies of other celebrities. The result? The *New York Post* called it "The funniest show in town, hands down." *New York* magazine called it "Brilliant." It also won the 2009 Drama Desk Award in the category of Unique Theatrical Experience and a 2010 Bistro Award while being one of the most critically acclaimed productions ever in the Off-Broadway scene. This year's Hamptons show stars Christie Brinkley, Mario Cantone, Susan Lucci, Eugene Pack, Dayle Reyfel, Brooke Shields, Ali Wentworth, five-time Emmy-winner Alan Zweibel and others.

Passages run the gamut from the "poetry" of Suzanne Somers to the shocking "romance tips" from Tommy Lee to the most famous Hollywood love triangle in history—Elizabeth Taylor, Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher. And what's remarkable and unforgettably hilarious—it's all in their own words.

Comedienne and actress Ali Wentworth, for one, hopes her books, *Ali in Wonderland* and *Happily Ali After*, don't get the *Celebrity Autobiography* treatment. "First of all," Wentworth says, "the reader would have to explain who Ali Wentworth was. And second, they're humor books which, read aloud, might make people cry."

Courtesy Sam Morris PR
Ali Wentworth

What celebrity would you want to read your autobiography? Dan's Papers Senior Editor, Stacy Dermont says restaurant critic, author and novelist Gael Greene; Jordan Green, Summer Editor and softball player extraordinaire (he batted 3 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI in this year's Artists and Writers Charity Softball game) says Samuel L. Jackson, "because of his voice." Ali Wentworth would want her mother to read her first book, *Ali in Wonderland*, as "It's mostly stories about her that she doesn't approve of or remember."

Wentworth has many celebrities, whom she knows personally, to chose from. Her television show *Nightcap*, which centers around an overworked head talent booker on a fictitious fifth highest-rated late night talk show, features multiple special guests on each episode. "*Nightcap* is the greatest project for me because I created it, write and star in it," she says of the show. "I'm not an actor waiting in my trailer—but control the complete vision. And we don't start before 8:30 a.m. and I'm home for dinner." The dream. "Plus," she says, "I feed my crew my homemade banana bread." (Sometimes our boss at Dan's Papers brings us homemade jams and jellies, but homemade banana bread can be sent to Bertrand Langhorne c/o Dan's Papers, 158 County Road 39, Building 1, Southampton 11968.)

Wentworth doesn't yet know which autobiography she'll be reading from, but a girl can dream. How about Cher? "I love her more than most gay men," Wentworth says. Or, she says, she'd like to read any of the *Housewives* memoirs. "Do I need to explain?" Of all the guests on *Nightcap*, she'd pick David Hasselhoff. "He has to have good *Baywatch* stories."

To find out what she's reading, you'll have to attend the show on August 25.

Celebrity Autobiography *takes place at Guild Hall, 158 Main Street in East Hampton. Tickets range from $38–$75 and can be purchased at* guildhall.org *or by calling 631-324-0806. For more information and to purchase tickets to the New York City show—Monday, August 28 at 8 p.m. at the Triad, 158 West 72nd Steet—visit* celebrityautobiography.com. Nightcap, *which just finished its second season, is on Pop, channel 154 on Optimum.*

You'll Like Bay Street's "As You Like It"

BY LEE MEYER

Bay Street Theater and Sag Harbor Center for the Arts' season concludes with William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, through September 3. This unique production, which includes an original score by storied composer Stephen Schwartz, manages to find something new and exciting within Shakespeare's classic text through excellent production design and dynamic performances. *As You Like It* tells the story of Rosalind, a young noblewoman whose father has been banished by his brother to the Forest of Arden, and Orlando, the youngest son of a wealthy family who is at odds with Oliver, the heir to the family fortune. The two meet and are instantly taken with each other, but circumstances keep them apart. When Rosalind's uncle, Duke Frederick, decides to exile her, she and her cousin Celia, along with the jester Touchstone, decide to escape into the Forest of Arden themselves, just as Orlando learns that his brother plans to kill him and also takes flight into the Forest. When Rosalind, who has disguised herself as a man, discovers beautiful love poems on trees etched by Orlando, she decides to befriend him while under disguise, leading to hijinks and misadventure. Meanwhile, other inhabitants of the Forest of Arden, including the melancholic Jacques and Rosalind's father, Duke Senior, find themselves unwittingly involved in the comedic tale.

The Forest of Arden exists in a simple but effective set represented by a wood floor, piano and low-hanging lights with ever-changing colors. Lighting designer Mike Baldassari's work here is stunning; the lights are used to signify many different moments and objects in the world of the play. The production design in general is very strong, from the jazz-era costumes by designer Ann Hould Ward, to the wig and hair design by J. Jared Janas. Director John Doyle, who also designed the set, has created a beautiful, self-contained world with minimal staging and props, allowing the actors and text to take center stage.

Lenny Stucker

Ellen Burstyn likes it.

The performances are great across the board, with actors able to show off their many talents, from dancing to singing to playing instruments. Quincy Tyler Bernstine plays the sheltered Celia as amusingly out-of-place in the Forest of Arden and its quirky inhabitants. Kyle Scatcliffe's Orlando is instantly appealing, with a kind and gentle air mixed with a fierce sense of justice. As the quiet Anna and the goofy Audrey, Cass Morgan is both heartbreaking and hilarious. Leenya Rideout, who plays Phoebe, plays several instruments and provides the show with some of its funniest moments as she lusts after Rosalind, mistaking her for a man. Bob Stillman is a warm, welcome presence as Duke Senior. But it is Ellen Burstyn who simply stops the show with her staggering "all the world's a stage" monologue, lending the necessary gravitas to one of Shakespeare's most famous speeches. Burstyn also slays with one-liners throughout the show, particularly in her side-splitting delivery of "God buy you; let's meet as little as we can."

This production finds something new and exciting in Shakespeare's text through excellent production design and dynamic performances

Schwartz's songs transform various Shakespeare speeches into catchy, lovely tunes inspired by the jazz era. the full cast number at the end of the first act is particularly stirring, as is the finale.

As You Like It is a fitting end to a strong season at Bay Street Theater. A colorful comedy set in a whimsical world of wacky characters played by an assured cast, this slick production is *As You Like It* like you've never seen before.

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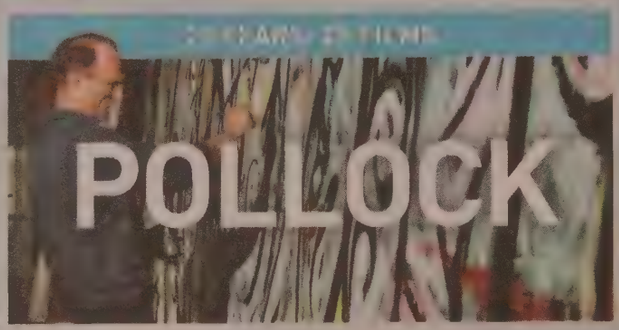

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Something New or a New One at WHBPAC

BY BRIAN CUDZILO

You might not know Mike Birbiglia. That's okay. You wouldn't be the only one. He was once asked to participate in a celebrity golf tournament. While he and the golfers were waiting to tee off, one of them asked, "I wonder who our celebrity is?" As Birbiglia recounts in his first stand-up special, *What I Should Have Said Was Nothing*, he excitedly asked "Yeah, who *do* you think our celebrity is?" It then struck him: He was their celebrity. If you are, in fact, unfamiliar with Birbiglia, he recommends watching 10 minutes of his stand-up specials. "If you don't like those," Bribiglia said when we reached him via email, "don't come to the show. But if you do like them do come to the show."

His second show, *My Girlfriend's Boyfriend*, ran four months off-Broadway and won the Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Solo Show. The *New York Times* called his third show, *Thank God for Jokes*, "the best night I've spent in a theater in a very long time." On Friday, September 1, Birbiglia will perform at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center (WHBPAC) with his newest show, *The New One*.

Courtesy WHBPAC

Mike Birbiglia, in the past

Has *The New One* changed at all since you opened it in Berkeley earlier this month?

It changes every night. There are new lines, new ideas and new ways of performing things that are different every night. It will be that way until I film it. I never think of these shows as being "done" until they're filmed and then they're sort of done based on someone else's discretion.

Your other shows have a kind of theme to them. What, if any, is the theme of *The New One*?

I've tried not to tell anyone what this show is about so that they experience the maximum enjoyment and pleasure. With my other shows I feel like I had to tell people "this is a show about my sleepwalking disorder," or "this is a show about getting married," or what ever it is. With this show, I just want people to show up with a clean slate.

Is there a specific bit of yours people recite to you when they see you on the street?

Occasionally people will quote, "I know. I'm in the future also." That's become sort of a thematic callback to my shows. I even sometimes say it in this new show at this one particular moment. It's a good catchall phrase when someone tries to be a smarty-pants about a mistake you've made.

Do you have a favorite bit?

I think the sleepwalking story is my favorite one to tell. That's the one I always tell people when they don't know me at all. It was the first thing of mine that Ira Glass ever put on *This American Life* and it was because it's simultaneously really funny, really sad, really dramatic, and it's also true. It really checks a lot of the boxes.

What other comedians do you follow? What, in your opinion, is the best new(ish) stand-up special on Netflix?

I just watched Rory Scovel's Netflix special, *Rory Scovel Tries Stand-Up For the First Time*, and laughed so hard. There's this one bit about the O.J. documentary. I was doing a podcast with my good friend John Mulaney recently, who's one of the great comedians in my opinion as well, and we were retelling the O.J. bit to each other, doing different pieces of it. And we were laughing so hard.

Two really great comedians people should watch are the two openers for Westhampton Beach: Jacqueline Novak and Chris Laker. Jacqueline has been on James Corden [*Late, Late*], has a Comedy Central half-hour special, and has written a hilarious book, *How to Weep in Public*. Chris Laker is going to be on one of the late night shows soon, but I don't think it's been announced yet. He was just at the Montreal Comedy Festival with me and filmed a spot on a Canadian television show and is phenomenally funny. Both of them are great. Also Josh Rabinowitz is brilliant. And his writing partner Kevin Barnett is also hilarious. I also really like Beth Stelling who is doing a bunch of the dates on the tour too.

Visit DansPapers.com *for a longer version of this interview. Birbiglia performs at the WHBPAC, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach on Friday, September 1 at 8 p.m. For tickets and other info visit* whbpac.org.

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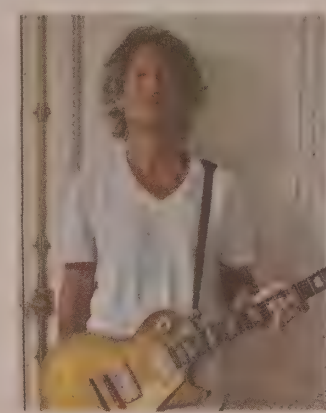

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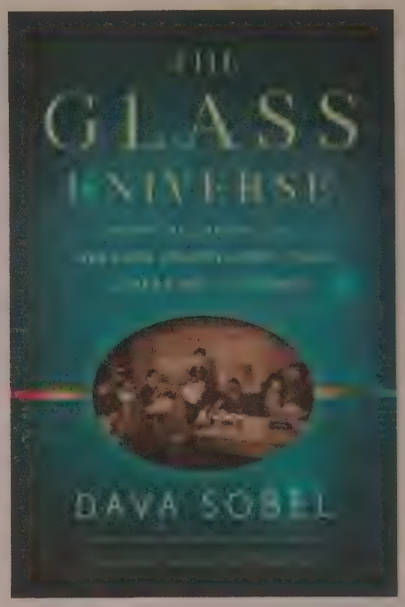
Dava Sobel Tells the Enlightening Story of Many

BY SARAH STOSS

During a time in history when women lacked the right to vote, the Harvard College Observatory went against all preconceived notions of women's abilities and hired them to analyze and interpret observations, made by men, of the stars. The contributions of these women changed the field of astronomy, and the perceptions of women in the field of science as a whole. The women of the Harvard College Observatory were unsure of their place in society, but through Dava Sobel's *The Glass Universe*, we begin to understand how they helped us understand our own place in the vast universe.

The book begins with Anna Palmer Draper, a recent widow of Dr. Henry Draper who helped found stellar photography. Draper is a strong character, who takes into her own hands the task of finishing her late husband's work. Anna reaches out to Edward Pickering, the director of the Harvard College Observatory and a surprising male character of this time period. He believes in women's potential to discover and thrive in the field of science and makes the decision to hire women as calculators, aka "human computers." Their partnership leads to the study of the stars through the new medium of photography. This new technology allows the hired women to better analyze the makeup of the stars, as well as find a new way to categorize them—a system that is still used today. Through Sobel's use of historical documents such as letters, financial documents and conference notes we receive what feels like an almost firsthand account, without interpretation or added commentary, of the beginning of women's 19th century scientific discoveries.



Sobel's strategy to recount the history of these women highlights their scientific accomplishments. She makes it clear that these accomplishments were not extraordinary simply because they were women in a time when gender rights were not a topic of conversation, but because their astronomical discoveries shaped the field that exists today. *The Glass Universe* is a book about science. Gender is a subtle backstory that creates intrigue and admiration for those characters illuminated by Sobel.

The amount of detail that Sobel delves into when describing the process of interpreting what was captured on glass photographic plates is, at times, almost overwhelming. The background of characters, given between accounts of their work, brings a different dimension to the book. One woman highlighted by Sobel includes a former maid of Pickering's, Williamina Paton Fleming, whose life as a Scottish immigrant was transformed when she went on to discover the very first nova on a photographic plate. But other than a select few women, such as Annie Cannon, Antonia Maury and Anna Palmer Draper, it's difficult to follow which woman discovered what, and what their unique story is.

Sobel's research is exceptionally detailed, and she recounts it in a way that is elegant and exacting, but does not always provide much explanation as to the basics of the field of astronomy.

Though the discoveries and accomplishments of these women are interesting, without a foundational background of astronomy, you may find yourself lost in a night sky of unfamiliar terminology. Sobel goes headfirst off the deep end, just as the women whose history Sobel is telling did.

It has been over a century since the women of the Harvard College Observatory worked tenaciously, and unrelentingly, toward their discoveries as astronomers. Yet women are still underrepresented in the sciences, and there's still inequality when it comes to pay and recognition. Sobel's *The Glass Universe* is not only an incredibly relevant book, it is a necessary one. Through Sobel's storytelling, these inspiring women shine star-like across the page. The history Sobel shares reveals not only of the time these women existed, but also of the time in which we currently live.

Meet Dava Sobel and have her sign your copy of The Glass Universe *at the annual Dan's Papers Literary Prize for Nonfiction Literary Festival at Guild Hall's John Drew Theater in East Hampton on Thursday, August 31 at 4p.m. Sobel serves as this year's keynote speaker. This event is free and open to the public. Find more details on DansLitPrize.com.*

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Summer's Not Over: Shopping Events Galore!

Eileen Fisher (*eileenfisher.com*), the women's clothing store at 26 Newtown Lane in East Hampton Village, will host a networking mixer for the **East Hampton Chamber of Commerce** on Thursday, August 24 from 5–7 p.m. Lite bites and refreshments will be served and the chamber's executive director, Steve Ringel, will update everyone on several projects in the planning stages for fall and winter! Admission is free to members and $10 for non-members. *easthamptonchamber.com*

From Friday, August 25 through Sunday, August 27, **Physique 57**, at 264 Butter Lane in Bridgehampton, will be hosting an end-of-season "Barnhouse sale" with up to 70% off a variety of brands including Alo, Monrow and Spiritual Gangster. Fitness buffs will be able to wrap up the summer by refreshing their workout wardrobe, continuing the positive momentum into the upcoming fall season! *physique57.com*

Who's ready to sip and strut in style through the streets of East Hampton? Stop by the **Polo Ralph Lauren** store on Main Street in East Hampton on Sunday, August 27 between 11 a.m.–4 p.m. for a refreshingly delicious complimentary cup of Ralph's cold brew at Ralph's Coffee Trike. While you're there, check out the Polo collection and take advantage of some end of summer deals. *ralphlauren.com*

You might have seen Laurie Gelman at the East Hampton Library's Authors Night earlier this month. Now you can get her debut novel, *Class Mom*, at a local bookstore near you. *Class Mom* is a clever take on a year in the life of a kindergarten class mom, Jen Dixon. An old flame, a hyper-sensitive "allergy mom," a surprisingly sexy kindergarten teacher and an impossible-to-please *Real Housewife*-wannabe all cause problems at every turn. *Class Mom* is a brilliant send-up of the petty and surprisingly cutthroat terrain of "parent politics." You can also meet Gelman on Wednesday, August 30 at 5 p.m. at **BookHampton** in East Hampton. *bookhampton.com*

Before you head out after the summer, why not consider making a donation to the **Sag Harbor Partnership** to help in their effort to purchase and restore the Sag Harbor Cinema? Visit *sagharborpartnership.org* to see plans for the new Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center and to make a tax-deductible donation of any amount. Stop by **Southampton Books** at 16 Hamptons Road in Southampton on Friday, August 25 at 7 p.m. to meet Annette Hinkle, who will be signing copies of her new book *Sag Harbor: 100 Years of Film in the Village*. *southampton-books.com*

Are you itching for a new pair of underwear? **SwampButt Performance Underwear**, made from fabrics that allow for the wicking and quick evaporation of sweat from the wearer's back quarters, is perfect for summer—especially those last days of summer while you're sitting in a hot school classroom. While there's no scientific proof that dryer hindquarters equal higher grades, it makes sense that it would. The underwear is woven to allow more exposed surface area for faster drying and to allow the maximum amount of air to pass in and out, especially between the thighs. Get five pairs for the price of four right now at *swampbutt.com*.

On Thursday, August 24, head to **alice + olivia**'s East Hampton location for an evening in support of the GOOD+ Foundation, which partners with a national network of leading programs to break the cycle of family poverty through the power of donated goods and services. Stacey Bendet, Nicky Rothschild and Marina Berjarano will be hosting the event and 20% of proceeds from all sales that evening will go to GOOD+.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Crossfit Warrior Legion (CFWL) at 280 West Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays is now open. On Friday, August 25, they'll be hosting a special informational event with food and beverages on offer. Stop by to meet the coaches and the CFWL community and for information on Crossfit, youth programs and weighlifting programs—experienced crossfitters and newbies welcome! *crossfitwarriorlegion.com*

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Hamptons Happenings »»»

Have a look at just some of the fun events happening in the Hamptons and on the North Fork this week.

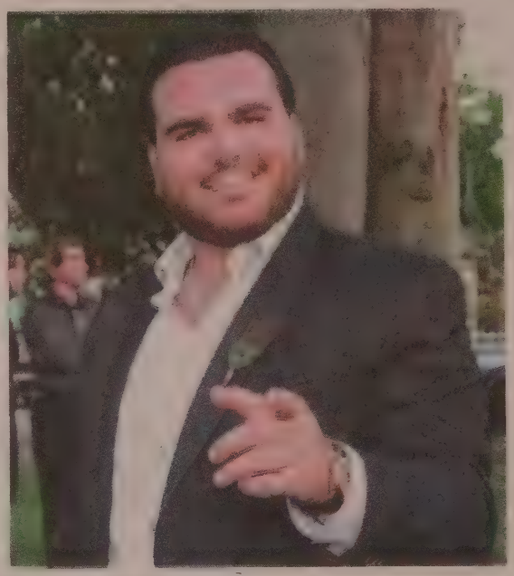
THEATER
"Little Shop of Horrors"
When: August 25, 8 p.m. (Through September 9)
Where: The Gateway, 215 South Country Road, Bellport
What: This hilarious cult classic musical comedy by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman features beloved hits like "Suddenly Seymour," "Skid Row" and the catchy title song. You'll never look at gardening the same way again.
Contact: 631-286-1133, thegateway.org

MUSEUM
East Hampton Suffragettes Exhibit
When: August 26, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: East Hampton Historical Farm Museum, 131 North Main Street, East Hampton
What: In support of the League of Women Voters and their reenactment of East Hampton's 1919 suffragette march, the museum will display period clothing, printed materials and more.
Contact: ehhistoricalfarmmuseum.org

ART
2017 Box Art Auction
When: August 26, 5 p.m.
Where: St. Luke's Hoie Hall, 18 James Lane, East Hampton
What: Over 90 of the East End's finest artists are represented in this annual art auction. Lucas Hunt is this year's auctioneer, and Ruth Appelhof will receive the Spirit of Community Award. Proceeds benefit East End Hospice.
Contact: 631-288-7080, eeh.org

SCREENING
SummerDocs: "Icarus" Hosted by Alec Baldwin
When: August 26, 7 p.m.
Where: Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton
What: Alec Baldwin hosts this provocative documentary by Bryan Fogel that starts with an investigation covering doping in sports but quickly spins into a geopolitical thriller.
Contact: 631-324-0806, guildhall.org

CONCERT
Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti
When: August 27, 8 p.m.
Where: Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach
What: Fans know Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti from Season 11 of *America's Got Talent*, where the crooner won Heidi Klum's golden buzzer. Valentinetti will sing favorites like "The Way You Look Tonight," "My Way," "Summer Wind" and "Mack The Knife."
Contact: 631-288-1500, whbpac.org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Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti

Kid Stuff »»»
Enrich your kids' lives with these great events in the Hamptons.

PUPPETS
"Wild West Mystery"
When: August 24, 4:30 p.m.
Where: Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton
What: Goat on a Boat at Bay Street Theater presents Wonderspark Puppets' *Wild West Mystery*! When Miss Nancy's prized cow disappears, it's up to Deputy Max to save the day.
Contact: 631-283-0967, southamptoncenter.org

TECH
Virtual Reality at the Library
When: August 25, 4 p.m.
Where: Rogers Memorial Library, 90 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton
What: Atendees will get to try the virtual reality kit. Using the technology, kids will have the opportunity to explore exciting new places and things. This event is appropriate for kids in grades 6–12.
Contact: 631-283-0774, myrml.org

GAMES
The 3rd Annual Chessfest
When: August 26, 10 a.m.
Where: Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton
What: This family friendly event is a morning filled with crafts, activities and games for chess players of all interests and skill levels. A group of kids will also challenge an internationally ranked chess grandmaster.
Contact: 631-537-8250, cmee.org

OUTDOORS
Farmer's Helper
When: August 27, 10 a.m.
Where: The Green School, Sagaponack
What: Kids will learn how to care for animals big and small, like horses, pigs, chickens, sheep and more. This event is appropriate for ages 3–10; the exact location will be given upon registration.
Contact: 631-237-1148, theartfarms.org

FUN
Neighborhood Nights
When: August 28, 5 p.m.
Where: The Drop Spot, 655 Flanders Road, Flanders
What: Drop your child off for an evening of summer fun and activities. This free program offers music, arts and crafts, basketball, parties, water activities and more. Weather permitting, kids will also be transported to the Southampton Youth Services Recreation Center to use the outdoor swimming pool and game room. This event is appropriate for kids in grades K–4.
Contact: 631-702-2425, southamptontownny.gov

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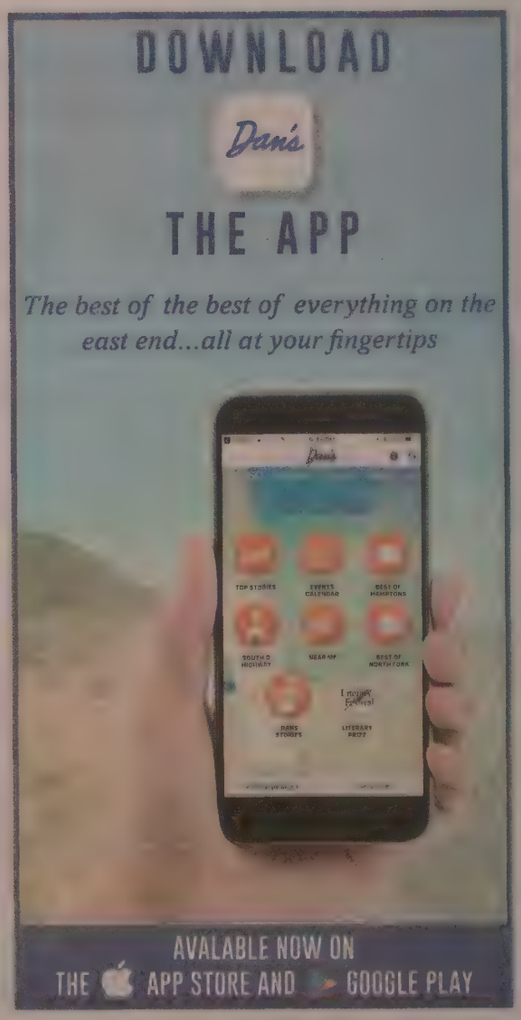

Essential Conversations About Family Wealth

BY ROCCO A. CARRIERO

How confident are you about your family's finances? How often do you discuss money with your loved ones? According to the Family Wealth Checkup study by Ameriprise Financial, there's a correlation between financial confidence and communication. While many families are discussing financial issues, they tend to shy away from diving deep into topics like inheritance and estate planning, leaving some family members with unrealistic expectations.

Here are some tips to help you discuss money matters with your family.

Don't wait for tragedy to bring up finances. Family conversations about finances lay the foundation for a more secure financial future for the people closest to you. Nine in ten adult children say a life-altering event triggered a financial talk with their parents. It's a good idea to have these conversations when all the important players in your estate plan can participate and communicate their wishes or questions. With time on your side, you can cover topics thoroughly and have time to get the proper documents in place, if you haven't already.

Although estate planning can be a tough and emotional topic to initiate, families who have talked about it say the discussion went much smoother than anticipated. Families said their conversations were straightforward and relaxed as opposed to awkward or difficult—even more motivation to have the talk with your loved ones.

Tell loved ones where to find important documents. Prevent headaches that can slow down the settlement of your estate.

Make the conversation a priority and schedule a time to chat. Rather than hoping a conversation will happen after dinner, let each family member know ahead of time that you want to talk. Complex estates may require multiple discussions, so schedule a date to continue the conversation if needed. After your initial conversations, keep your family members up-to-date about changes that could affect your estate, such as establishing a living will or cashing in an annuity.

Share your agenda ahead of time so that your family can prepare for the conversation. Consider starting the conversation by sharing your financial goals and values, and telling your family why these discussions are important to you. Other topics on the agenda may include managing current finances, including any debt, healthcare costs and legacy planning.

Manage expectations. You don't have to divulge the exact value of your estate or the amount of money in your accounts, but it's important to disclose enough details so that your family can set appropriate expectations. If part of your legacy plan includes leaving an inheritance, consider letting your family know whether it's an amount large enough to help fund your grandchildren's education or maybe it's closer to a down payment on a car. Most people plan to leave an inheritance, but only 21% of parents have told their kids how much they can expect to receive.

Create or update your estate plan. Pair your conversations with a comprehensive estate plan to prevent rifts that can happen when financial wishes are not clearly documented. Your estate encompasses anything you own, such as real estate, cars, life insurance, financial accounts including your retirement plans and personal possessions. Creating a plan for what happens to these assets and accounts is important no matter the size of your estate.

If you already have an estate plan in place, revisit your will or trust, and update beneficiaries to various accounts and assets to mirror the blueprint you've shared with family members. Consider also providing instructions in a healthcare directive on what you want your family to do in the event that you cannot act on your own behalf. Clearly documenting your wishes can make difficult circumstances easier for everyone involved.

Tell loved ones where to find important documents. Families who are kept in the dark could face challenges if something unplanned happens and they are left to pick up the financial pieces. Prevent headaches that can slow down the settlement of your estate by providing instructions about where you've stored the safety deposit key, bank accounts, stock certificates and other pertinent items, including digital assets. Also, ensure that your family has the contact information for the professionals (e.g. lawyer, estate planner, tax or financial advisor) who are helping you prepare or manage your estate.

Work with a financial professional. If you experience conflict in your family discussions or want some help navigating difficult topics, consider working with a neutral third party, such as a financial advisor. A financial professional can help your family understand your collective financial picture and transition wealth from one generation to the next.

Ongoing dialogue about estate topics with family members could bring you closer together and pave the way for a smooth transfer of wealth, when the day comes.

The Family Wealth Checkup study was created by Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and conducted online by Artemis Strategy Group November 23—December 15, 2016 among 2,700 U.S. adults between the ages of 25-70 with at least $25,000 in investable assets.

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2017 HAMPTON CLASSIC TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 27th

GRAND PRIX RING • 9:00 AM
398 Leadline 2-4
399 Leadline 5-7

GRAND PRIX RING • 2:00 PM
Opening Day Ceremony
208 $30,000 Boar's Head Jumper Challenge (1.40m) II.2.1

JUMPER RING 2 • 8:00 AM
376 T.H.I.S. Junior Medal
391 Junior Medal
390 Adult Medal
377 Ariat Adult Medal
374 Robert Hoskins Mini Medal
375 Hugh J.B. Cassidy III, Mini Maclay

ANNE ASPINALL RING • 8:00 AM
167 East Hampton Star Local Hunter, Professionals
168 East Hampton Star Local Hunter, Professionals
166 East Hampton Star Local Hunter U/S, Professionals
❖ ***EAST HAMPTON STAR LOCAL HUNTER PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP***

ANNE ASPINALL RING • 2:00 PM
❖ ***GRAND LOCAL HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP***
420 $10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby

HUNTER RING 2 • 8:00 AM
164 Local Junior Hunter
165 Local Junior Hunter
163 Local Junior Hunter U/S
❖ ***LOCAL JUNIOR HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP***
161 Local Amateur-Owner Hunter
162 Local Amateur-Owner Hunter
160 Local Amateur-Owner Hunter U/S
❖ ***LOCAL AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP***
170 Local Hunter, Non-Professional
171 Local Hunter, Non-Professional
169 Local Hunter U/S, Non-Professional
❖ ***LOCAL HUNTER NON-PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP***
380 Robert Hoskins Low Adult Medal
381 Hugh J.B. Cassidy III, Low Adult Maclay

HUNTER RING 3 • 8:00 AM
320 Children's Equitation Medium, Flat
321 Children's Equitation Medium, Fences
372 Children's Equitation High, Flat
373 Children's Equitation High, Fences
389 Back On Track Children's Medal - Horse

ANNEX • 8:00 AM
368 Adult Equitation, Flat
367 Adult Equitation, Fences
370 Luxury Living Children's Equitation Low, Flat
371 Luxury Living Children's Equitation Low, Fences
789 Back On Track Children's Medal - Pony

Monday, August 28th

GRAND PRIX RING • NO CLASSES SCHEDULED

JUMPER RING 2 • 10:00 AM
Long Island Show Series for Riders With Disabilities Finals
1398 LIHSSRD Walk with Aides
1399 LIHSSRD W-T with Aides
1400 LIHSSRD W-T & Fig 8 with Aides
1392 LIHSSRD Walk Beginner Independent
1393 LIHSSRD W-T Beginner Independent
1394 LIHSSRD W-T & Fig 8 Beginner Independent
1395 LIHSSRD W-T Advanced Independent
1396 LIHSSRD W-T & Fig 8 Advanced Independent
1397 LIHSSRD Walk Individual Advanced Independent
1402 LIHSSRD W-T-C Group Advanced Independent

KIDS AREA • 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Adoption Day - Dog & Cat Rescue Groups

ANNE ASPINALL RING • NO CLASSES SCHEDULED

HUNTER RING 2 • 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Adoption Day - Horses & Horse Rescue Groups

HUNTER RING 3 • NO CLASSES SCHEDULED

ANNEX • NO CLASSES SCHEDULED

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2017 HAMPTON CLASSIC TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 29th

GRAND PRIX RING • 9:00 AM
201 $10,000 Open Jumper (1.40m) II.1 - Section A
201 $10,000 Shamrock Ventures Open Jumper (1.40m) II.1 - Section B

GRAND PRIX RING • 2:00 PM
343 Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search

JUMPER RING 2 • 9:00 AM
219 Junior Jumper (1.20m) II.2.b
214 Amateur-Owner Jumper (1.20m) II.2.b

JUMPER RING 2 • 2:30 PM
256 $10,000 Brown Harris Stevens 7 & Under Jumpers (1.25-1.35m) II.2.b

ANNE ASPINALL RING • 9:00 AM
31 Model High Performance Conformation Hunter 3'9"
33 High Performance Conformation Hunter 3'9"
34 High Performance Conformation Handy Hunter 3'9"
20 Model Green Conformation
22 Conformation Hunter
23 Conformation Handy Hunter
11 Green Hunter 3'6"
12 Green Handy Hunter 3'6"
10 Green Hunter 3'6" U/S
16 Green Hunter 3'9"
17 Green Handy Hunter 3'9"
15 Green Hunter 3'9" U/S
27 High Performance Hunter 4'
28 High Performance Handy Hunter 4'
26 High Performance Hunter 4' U/S

HUNTER 2 RING • 8:00 AM
100 Children's Hunter (Small/Medium Ponies)
101 Children's Hunter (Small/Medium Ponies)
99 Children's Hunter U/S (Small/Medium Ponies)
104 Children's Hunter (Large Ponies)
105 Children's Hunter (Large Ponies)
103 Children's Hunter U/S (Large Ponies)

HUNTER RING 3 • 8:00 AM
112 Children's Hunter (Horses) 15-17
113 Children's Hunter (Horses) 15-17
111 Children's Hunter U/S (Horses) 15-17
109 Children's Hunter (Horses) 14 & Under
110 Children's Hunter (Horses) 14 & Under
107 Children's Hunter U/S (Horses) 14 & Under

ANNEX • 8:00 AM
383 Short Stirrup 11-12, W-T
384 Short Stirrup 11-12, W-T-C
385 Short Stirrup 11-12, O/F
❖ ***SHORT STIRRUP 11-12 CHAMPIONSHIP***
386 Short Stirrup 10 & Under, W-T
387 Short Stirrup 10 & Under, W-T-C
388 Short Stirrup 10 & Under, O/F
❖ ***SHORT STIRRUP 10 & UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP***
❖ ***GRAND SHORT STIRRUP CHAMPIONSHIP***

Wednesday, August 31st • FEI Secure Stabling begins at 2:00 pm - FEI Jog at 4:00 pm

GRAND PRIX RING • 9:00 AM
202 $10,000 Wölffer Estate Open Jumper (1.40m) II.1
257 $10,000 7 & Under Jumpers (1.30-1.40m) II.1

GRAND PRIX RING • 1:00 PM
206 $10,000 Palm Beach Masters Open Jumper (1.45m), II.2.b

JUMPER RING 2 • 8:00 AM
220 Junior Jumper (1.20m), II.2.1
215 Amateur-Owner Jumper (1.20m), II.2.1
212 Amateur-Owner Jumper (1.30m), II.2.b
217 Maria Mendelsohn Junior Jumper (1.30m), II.2.b

JUMPER RING 2 • 4:00 PM
FEI Jog

ANNE ASPINALL RING • 9:00 AM
35 High Performance Conformation Hunter 3'9"
36 High Performance Conformation Hunter 3'9"
32 High Performance Conformation Hunter 3'9" U/S
❖ ***HIGH PERFORMANCE CONFORMATION HUNTER 3'9" CHAMPIONSHIP***
24 Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"
25 Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"
21 Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" U/S
❖ ***GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER 3'6" CHAMPIONSHIP***
13 Green Hunter 3'6"
14 Green Hunter 3'6"
❖ ***GREEN HUNTER 3'6" CHAMPIONSHIP***
18 Green Hunter 3'9"
19 Green Hunter 3'9"
❖ ***GREEN HUNTER 3'9" CHAMPIONSHIP***
29 High Performance Hunter 4'
30 High Performance Hunter 4'
❖ ***HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER 4' CHAMPIONSHIP***

HUNTER 2 RING • 8:00 AM
122 Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
123 Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
121 Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 U/S
126 Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49
127 Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49
125 Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49 U/S
130 Adult Amateur Hunter 50+
131 Adult Amateur Hunter 50+
129 Adult Amateur Hunter 50+ U/S

HUNTER RING 3 • 8:00 AM
114 Children's Hunter, Horses (15-17 Years)
❖ ***CHILDREN'S HUNTER 15-17 CHAMPIONSHIP***
518 $2,500 Marshall & Sterling Children's Hunter Classic, Horses (15-17 Yrs)
108 Children's Hunter, Horses (14 Years & Under)
❖ ***CHILDREN'S HUNTER 14 & UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP***
418 $2,500 Marshall & Sterling Children's Hunter Classic, Horses (14 Yrs & Under)
106 Children's Hunter (Large Ponies)
❖ ***CHILDREN'S HUNTER LARGE PONY CHAMPIONSHIP***
517 $2,500 Marshall & Sterling Children's Hunter Classic (Large Ponies)

ANNEX • 8:00 AM
102 Children's Hunter Pony (Small/Medium Ponies)
❖ ***CHILDREN'S HUNTER SMALL/MEDIUM PONY CHAMPIONSHIP***
417 $2,500 Marshall & Sterling Children's Hunter Classic (Small/Medium Ponies)

OCTOPUS
The plural of which is octopodes.

FOOD & DINING

DISH
The inside scoop on a favored cephalopod.

Smack!: Octoman Hits the Hamptons Hard

BY STACY DERMONT

Attendees of the annual Dan's Taste of Summer event, GrillHampton, held earlier this summer in Mecox, were thrilled to meet Octoman as he plied his delicious trade at the event.

Chef Stephen "Octoman" Fried talked fast as he handed out samples of the grilled cephalopod—joking that he'd just caught the octopus in Mecox Bay.

Fried is actually the corporate chef for Gullo Specialty Seafood. Owners Frank and Paula Gullo were born in Sicily, and their company is based in Hicksville, Long Island. Their main specialty is wild-caught, flash frozen and tenderized Spanish and Portuguese octopus and cuttlefish, sold wholesale and retail.

How is it tenderized? You have to see Octoman's video on the Gullo Specialty Seafood website, *gullospecialtyfoods.com*, to understand how sea salt and ice water in stainless steel tumblers do the trick. Octoman says, "This provides for an easier-to-cook product with shorter cooking time, high yield and consistent quality. Also, the flavor and texture are far superior to regular commodity octopus." The process has earned Gullo the right to advertise, "The freshest, sushi-grade Tenderized Octopus and Cuttlefish delivered right to your home."

Do you feel a special connection to the octopus?

Since I work very closely with them, I feel a kindred spirit. I think they're a pretty extraordinary species and very extraterrestrial-like.

What would you be doing today if you weren't Octoman?

I love discovering great food items and introducing them to chefs, so I would probably be representing some products and traveling the world looking for specialized food to import and sell to chefs, as well as consumers. Also, I would be building my private chef business and cooking at various events, which I do now and love.

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Courtesy Stephen Fried

I mustache you a question, Octoman.

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Octoman (Continued from page 84)

What are some of the common misconceptions people have about preparing and consuming octopus?

That it's difficult to cook. That it's too tough or rubbery. Also, many people feel, since octopus are so intelligent, they don't want to eat them.

What's your favorite way to enjoy octopus?

I love it in various ways. My favorite is simply grilled with a nice char and finished with lemon and a good olive oil. My signature "octo-dish" is a marinade of smoked Spanish pimento (paprika), extra virgin olive oil, red wine vinegar and chile flakes. Marinate, then grill, then put back in the marinade and finish with lemon.

What beverages do you like to pair with this preparation?

S. Dermont

Octoman at GrillHampton 2017

A cold *Albariño*, a *grüner vetliner*, *vinho verde*, a white Burgundy, sauvignon blanc—white, crisp wines with some minerality. Or some great crisp lager or pilsner.

Where do the best octopodes come from, in your opinion?

Spain and Portugal. It's not only the waters they come from, but how they're handled. Mediterranean octopus, I believe, are the best. Japan has great octopus as well, but it's not as plentiful as it is in the Mediterranean area.

Have you hunted octopus yourself?

No I haven't, but I would like to.

Does octopus have a particular season in different parts of the world?

Yes, there are times during the year when it's mating and reproduction season and that's when they are not allowed to be fished. I believe from January to April is fishing season and May and June no fishing, then from July to October you can fish again, and November and December no fishing. That's for the Mediterranean, Portuguese and Spanish octopus.

What tips do you have for people who'd like to enjoy some octopus on Long Island this summer or fall?

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Could you please explain the difference between "legs" and "tentacles" and why you don't use the term "arms?"

Legs, arms, tentacles. All the same thing. Octopus really have two legs they use to walk on. Also, your audience may be interested: The male octopus uses one of its legs as its phallus and inserts it in the nostril area of the female to copulate. The male has learned to remove the leg once it's inserted so the female doesn't eat him. He will grow back the leg.

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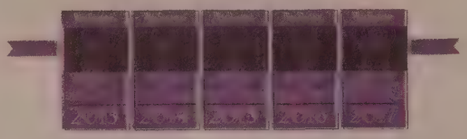
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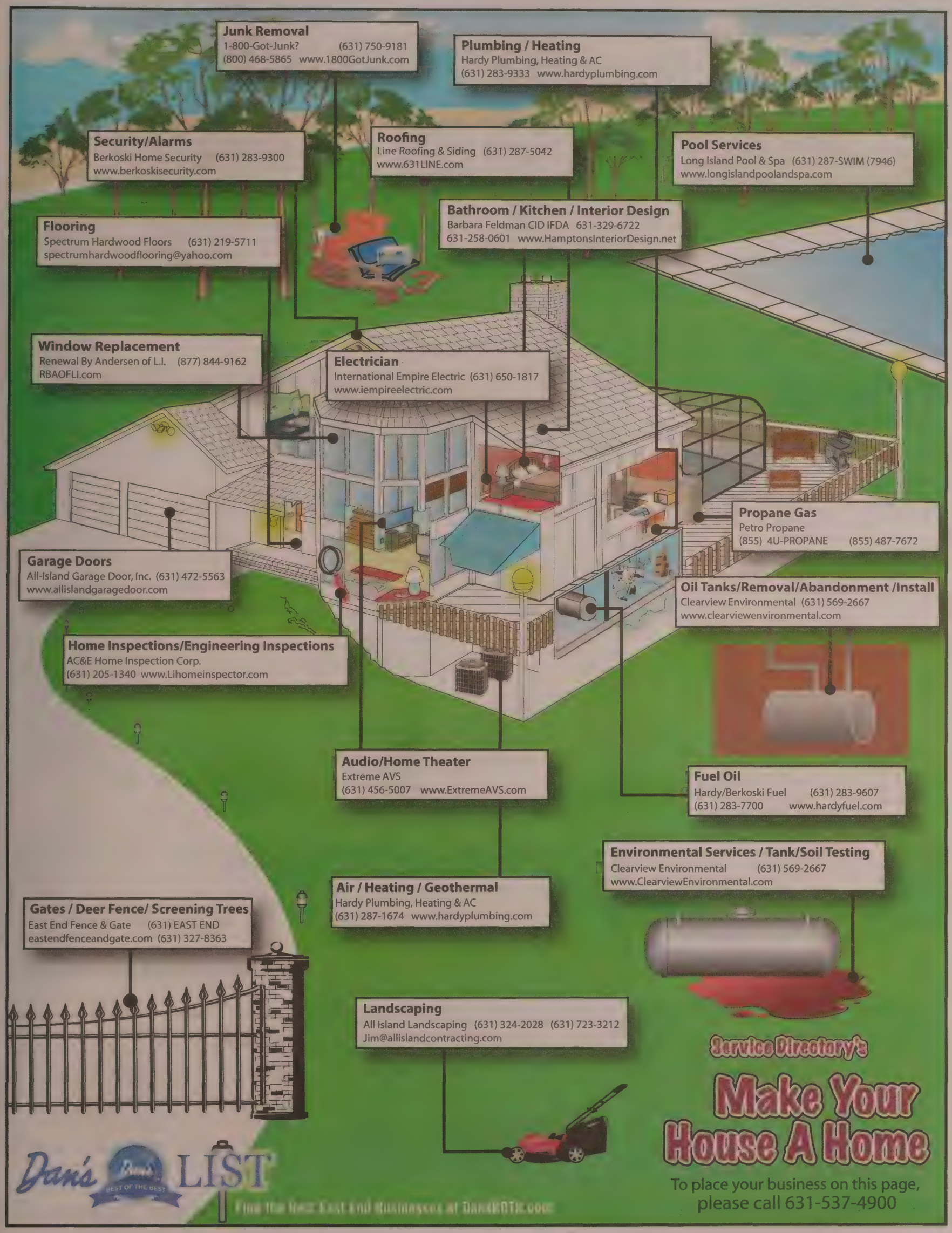
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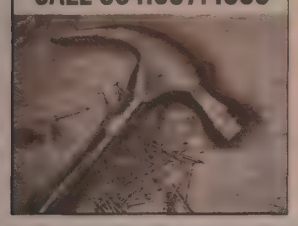

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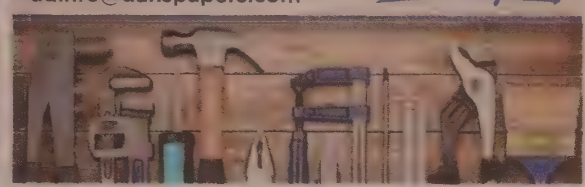

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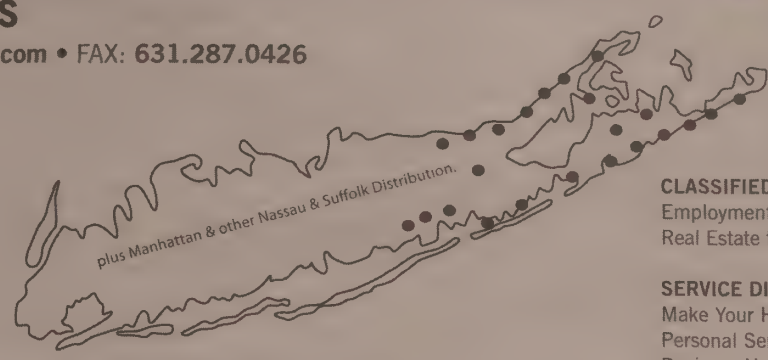

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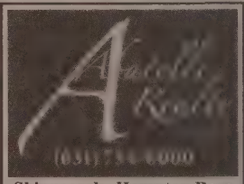

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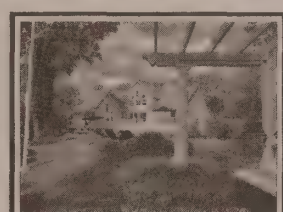

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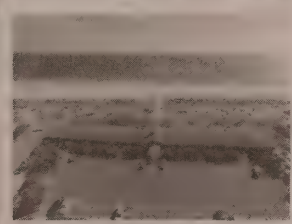

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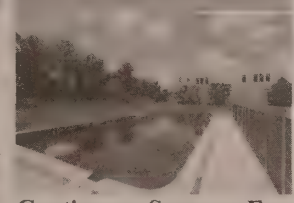

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Most Expensive Hamptons Listing Ever: $175M

BY LAURA EULER

The prices just get crazier and crazier in the Hamptons, with stratospheric prices asked for trophy homes. In this case, though, we reckon the ridiculous asking price of $175 million for a listing on Jule Pond isn't so ridiculous. It's 42 acres, for heaven's sake, with almost a quarter mile of oceanfront (1,286 linear feet). The property is bordered by three ponds with unobstructed views of Mecox Bay and the ocean. There's even reserve land to the southeast, which adds an even longer unobstructed ocean view.

To compare: 1080 Meadow Lane is asking $150 million for 14 acres. It's possible Meadow Lane is a slightly more desirable address, but still. Briar Patch in East Hampton is asking around $140 million for 11.2 acres on Georgica Pond. Granted, that house is nicer than Jule Pond or Meadow Lane, but it's not oceanfront. The only listing on the market that we might think compares is Tick Hall, which is asking $62 million for nearly 20 acres of oceanfront in Montauk. Tick Hall is an amazing house, but not necessarily to everyone's taste, and Montauk is a good 45 minutes farther east in the summer from Water Mill. So, while the price of Jule Pond is extraordinary, we think it compares extremely well with other high-end properties on the market. (Jule Pond is represented by Zach and Cody Vichinsky of Bespoke Real Estate.)

Of course everything is huge and lavish. A 20,000 square foot house, with 12 bedrooms and 12 bathrooms. The style is a vaguely post-modernish French, which isn't our favorite (we tend to like plain, simple Shingle Style in our mansions), but is basically fine, and makes an attractive backdrop for the owner's collection of contemporary art. Outside, there's a 60' pool, tennis court, basketball court, Fives court (just kidding, though we might put one in for the heck of it), greenhouse, koi pond, duck walks to the ocean and a three-bedroom carriage house.

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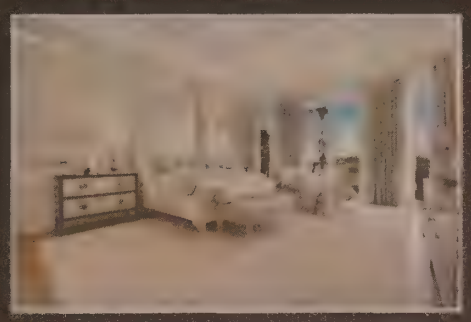

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BY LAURA EULER

Usually in our articles, we put the location of a property in the title. This property, however, is in one of those odd no-man's lands that happen in the Hamptons. The listing says Sagaponack, but it's not really Sagaponack. We thought it might be Bridgehampton, but it's not that either. The postal address is Sag Harbor, but it's fairly far from Sag Harbor. Wherever it is, it really is homey, private and feature-laden, however!

Some of the nice features include a plethora of stone fireplaces, including one in the master bedroom and one outdoors, two laundry rooms, a home theater, a gym, a games area, a tennis court, outdoor kitchen and a lovely freeform pool with a spa. In all, there are 3.5 acres of grounds. The house is 6,000 square feet with six bedrooms and 6.5 baths. We especially like how the house is filled with personality but it's all in good taste, and the bookshelves are full of, get this, actual books instead of tchotchkes.

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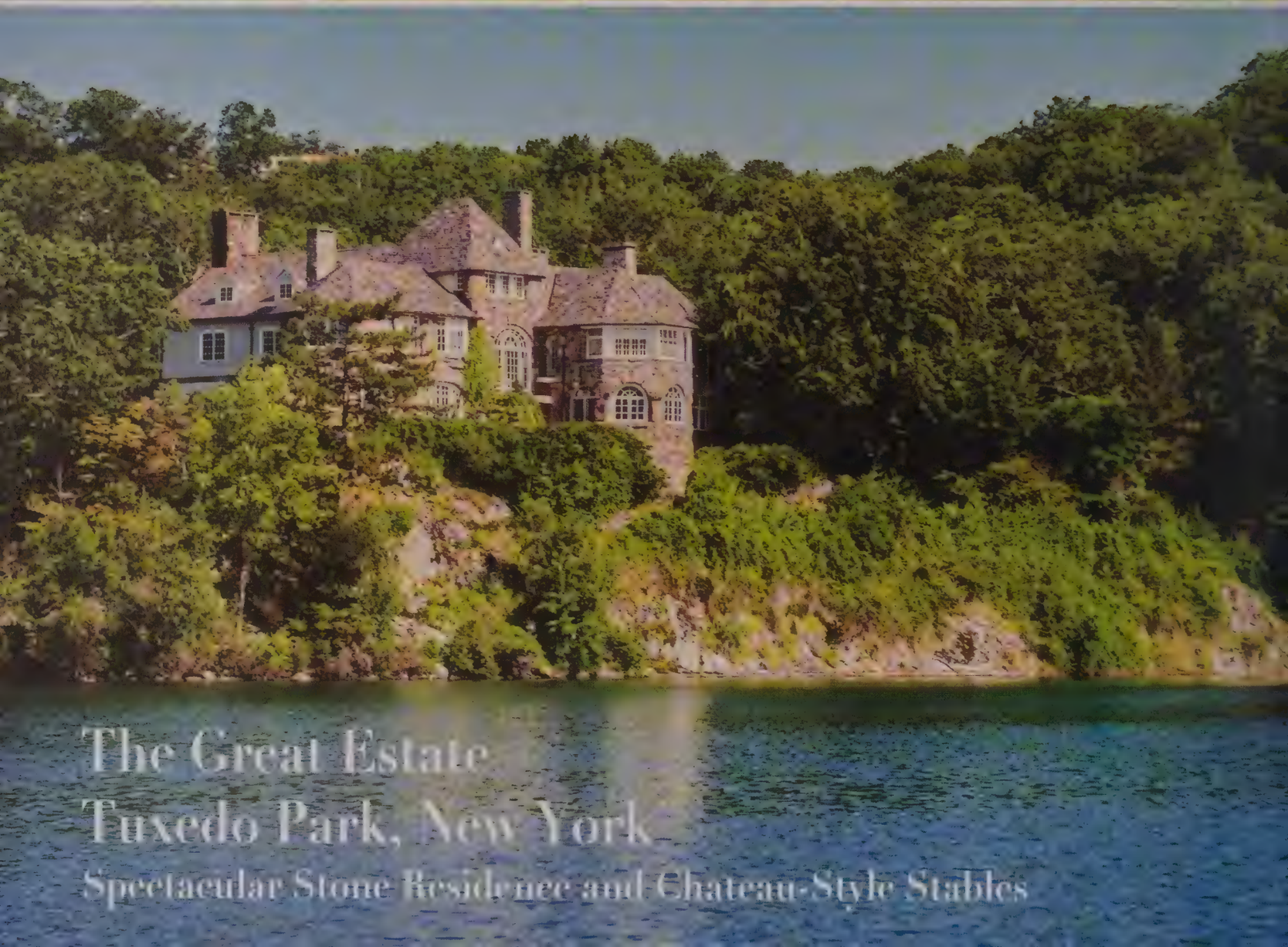

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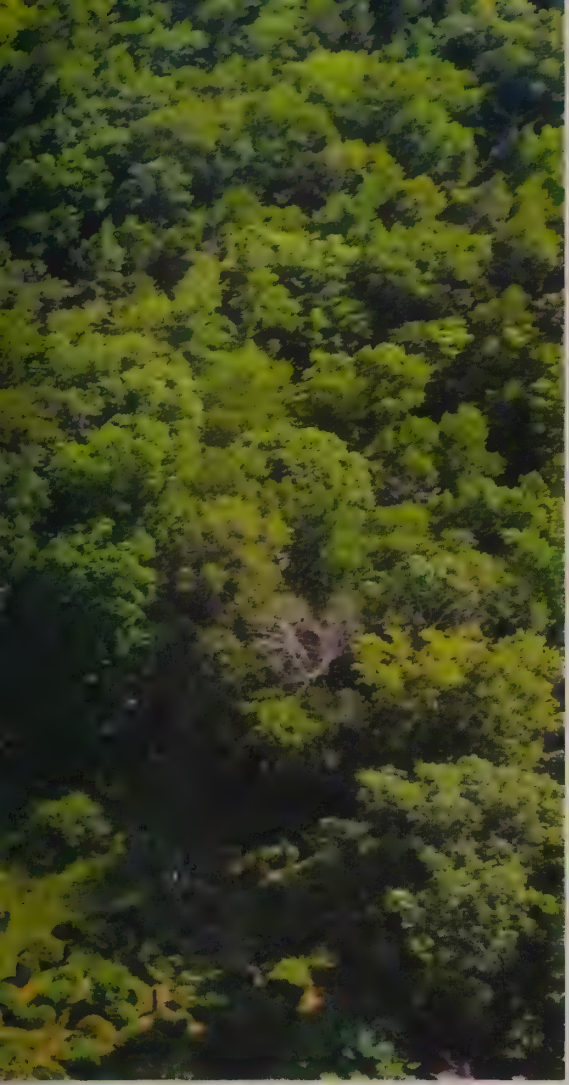

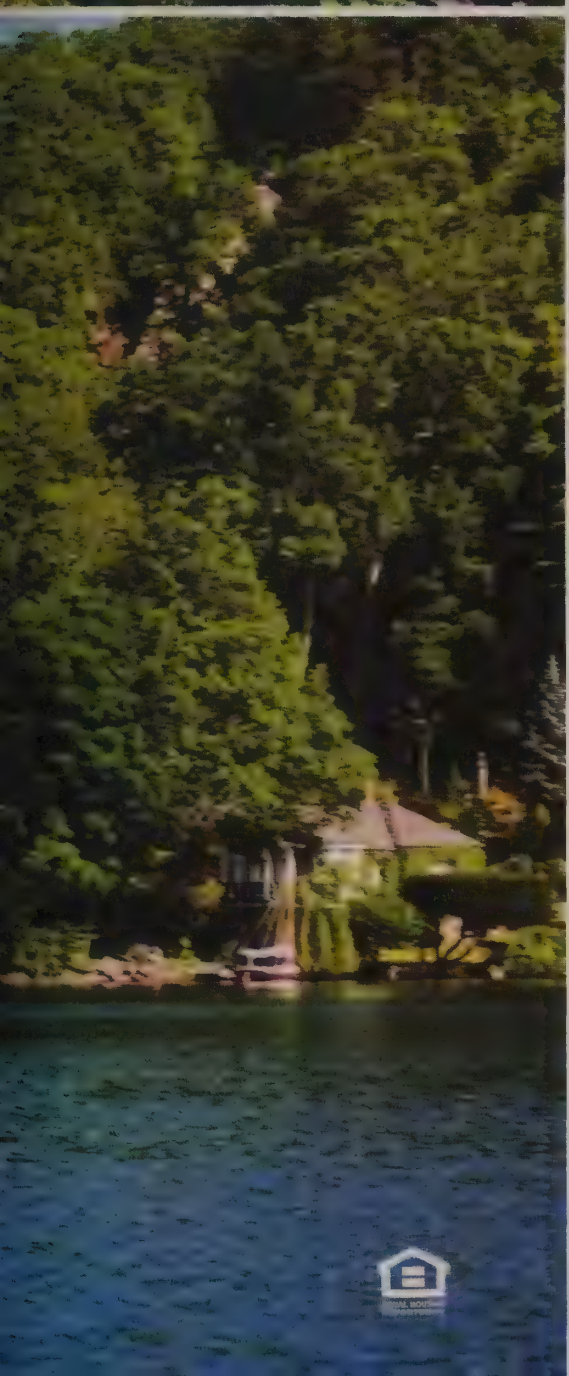

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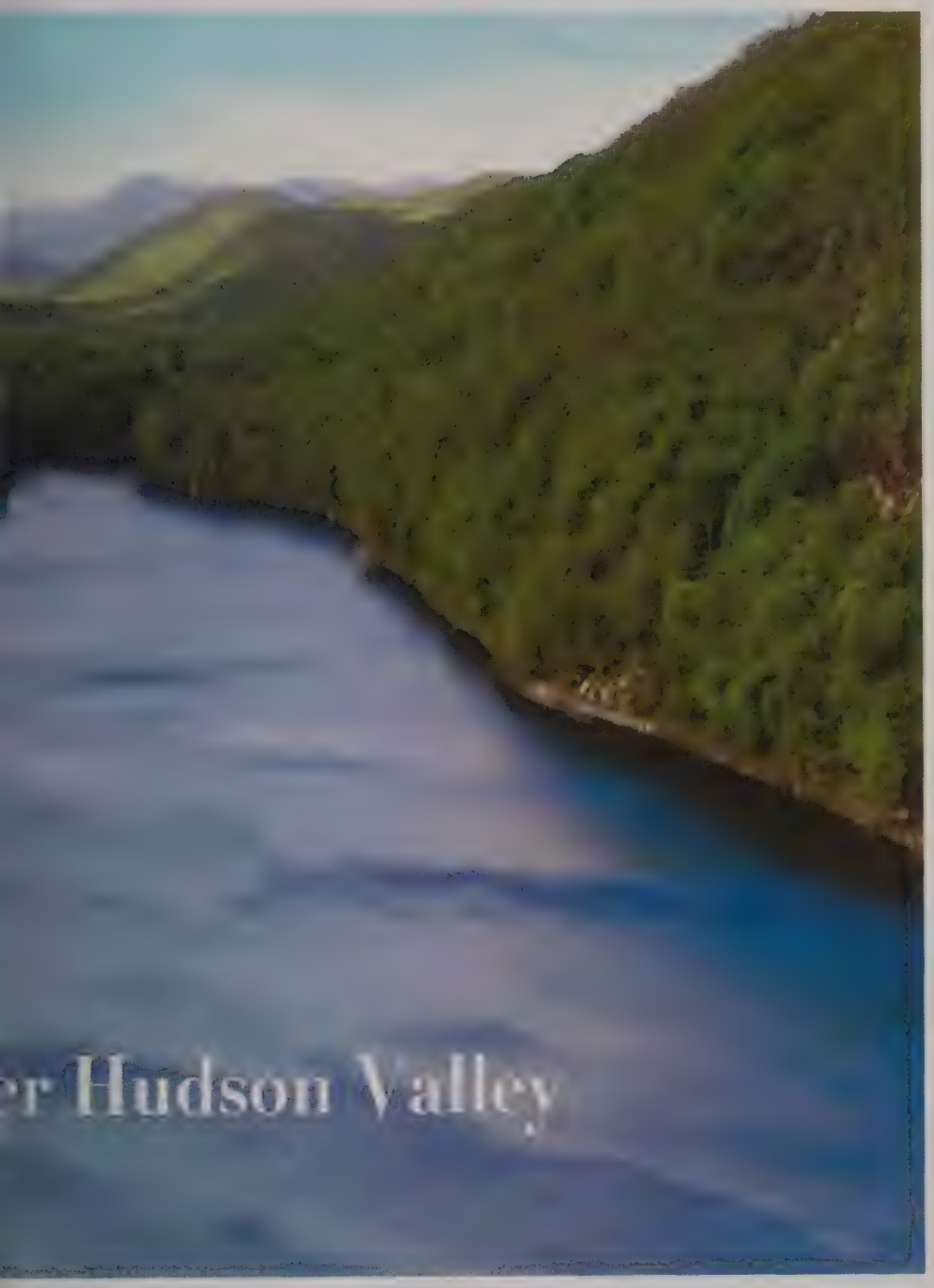

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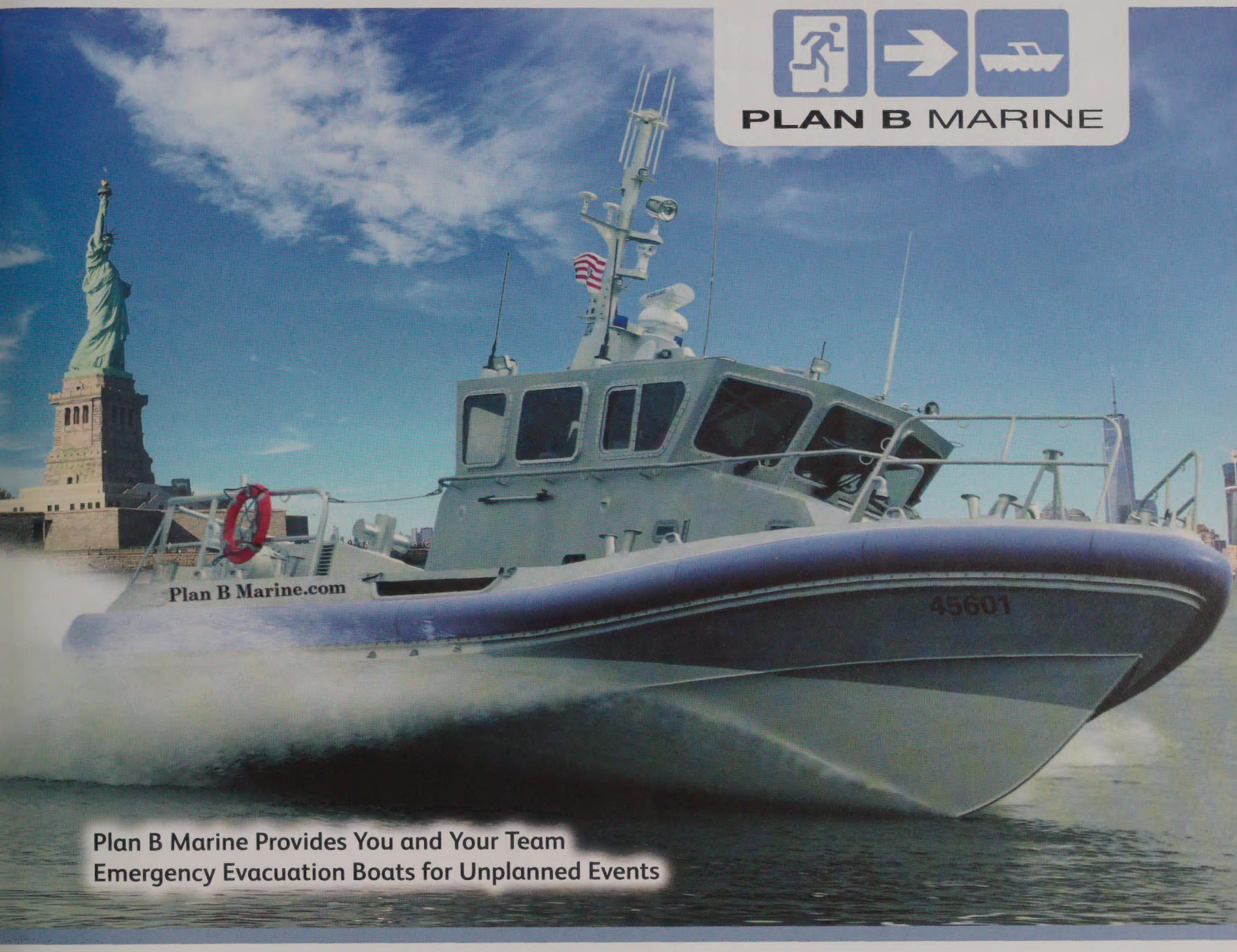

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